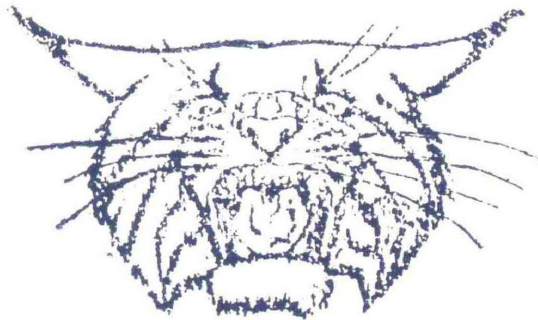


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## DEDICATION

This brief history for the Hammond High School Centennial Year is dedicated to the Hammond High School Class of 1984.

With apologies to the many accounts previously written, I have endeavored to bring out a new perspective through my research of the actual minutes from meetings of the first Board of School Trustees established by the City Council October 8, 1894 and from the ANNUALS and DUNES published since 1894.

The apology continues to the many people and events deserving of recognition but omitted because of time and space constraints. A complete book could be written for every class as the 50th year reunion books of the 1924 and 1927 classes have shown.

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## A BRIEF HISTORY OF HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL 1884-1984

From the establishment of a high school in September of 1884 in the Central School Building on the southeast corner of Hohman Avenue at Fayette Street in the Hohman district of North Township called Hammond, there arose an appropriate battle cry: "Hammond Against the World."

The slogan has continued to echo in the hearts of the thousands of students who have passed through the portals of Hammond High School these past one hundred years.

Township Trustee, Marcus M. Towle, built the original two-story wood frame six-room Central School in 1881. After Hammond received municipal incorporation status from the State on April 21, 1884, the Central School principal, Mr. W.C. Belman, with the approval of W.W. Merrill, Township Trustee, established the first high school in Hammond in the old Central Building. One of the upper rooms of the interior was equipped for use by the high school. The building also housed 7th and 8th grade classes as part of the elementary grades it contained.

Mr. Belman taught the twelve students in this three-year high school along with one other teacher, Miss Helen Winslow. Mr. Belman became Superintendent of all the North Township schools in 1892. By this time he had established a graded system for the elementary schools. The Hammond High School housed in this building was a beacon attracting students from Whiting, East Chicago and near-by West Hammond, Illinois.

In 1887 the first class was graduated at a commencement held in the Hohman Opera House. It consisted of three young ladies, Edna Smith, Clara Mashino, and Sarah Martelook, who formed the first alumni association the day after commencement. In the first year their course of study was algebra, physical geography, English composition and civil government; in the second year it was algebra, English, physiology and physics; and in the third year, rhetoric, general history, geometry and botany.

There were also but three women in the 1888 class. The first male to be graduated from the high school was in the class of 1891.

In 1890 a four-year course of study was implemented and freshmen who enrolled at that time formed the first four-year class which would graduate in 1894.

In 1890, Mr. J.W. Maxwell was appointed principal of the high school when Mr. Belman's duties were expanded in the township. In 1891, Mr. E.E. St. John was appointed principal.

In 1892 Mr. Towle purchased the wooden building, cut it in half and



moved it east to the Erie railroad tracks where he converted the two halves of the building into apartments.

While the new brick building was being built in 1893 on the Hohman and Fayette Street site, the classes met in various churches and the Masonic Lodge Hall on State Street.

Mr. W.A. Hill was appointed principal during this period of construction. The top floor of the new brick building was a "loft" which served as a concert hall and basketball court. There was now a library and a "practical physical laboratory." In this new building courses in Latin, German, bookkeeping, and stenography were added.

The new Hammond High School building was dedicated on March 2, 1894 and a graduating class of seven was the first to complete the expanded four-year course of study.

On October 8, 1894 the Common Council of the now legal civil city of Hammond, appointed the first Board of School Trustees independent of the Township Trustee. It consisted of Mr. Joseph Woods, Mr. A.W. Warren, and Mr. K.H. Bell.

At the first meeting of the School Board on October 13, 1894, these new members became President, Secretary, and Treasurer respectively. By casting lots they determined the length of their terms which were to be staggered. Bell would serve until June, 1885, Woods until June, 1886, and Warren until June, 1887.

The slogan of "Hammond Against the World" had its first test after the October 24, 1894 school board meeting when K.H. Bell was directed to tell the Township Trustee to turn over to the Hammond School Board all buildings, deeds, and papers of the township schools located in the now established boundaries of the City of Hammond as well as all student tuition funds due from the state. This involved five schools as well as tuition monies from Whiting and East Chicago students. Mr. Bell's attempt resulted in a legal struggle between the township and the city which continued for several years.

The Hammond Board of School Trustees then appointed Township Superintendent W.C. Belman as Hammond's Superintendent of Schools, and high school teacher, W.A. Hill, as the principal of Hammond High School with a staff of six high school teachers and nine elementary (K-8) teachers. Since Mr. Bell could not secure monies from the Township Trustee, he resigned from the Board. The Common Council of Hammond appointed Mr. A.M. Turner to finish Mr. Bell's term.

Most of the business of the School Board at that time seemed to be the approval of vouchers to purchase coal for heating and to pay teachers' salaries. (Things sure haven't changed much in a hundred years: the

payment of utilities and salaries still takes about ninety-five percent (95%) of the budget.)

Evening school was begun in the building in the school year 1895-96 with Mr. J.O. Bowers as Evening School Principal assisted by Mr. A.A. Winslow. On March 20, 1895 the Board appointed Mr. Peter W. Meyn as custodian of the Central School and to take the enumeration of students for the next year at \$2.00 per day. Mr. Meyn later became President of the First National Bank in Hammond.

On April 15, 1896 the School Board authorized the purchase of a set of International Encyclopedias on the promise of the senior class who agreed to pay the \$31.00 for them. The school year was shortened from ten to nine and one-half months at the May 21, 1896 Board meeting and a teacher salary schedule based on training and experience was adopted. Teacher salaries had ranged from \$47.50 per month for Miss Ola Mann, 3rd grade, to \$65.00 per month for Miss Annie Bassett, a high school commercial teacher; and \$90.00 per month was approved on June 14, 1895 for principal W.A. Hill for the 1896-97 school year.

A formal Junior-Senior Reception for graduates came into being in June, 1896; the Towle Opera House at State Street and Hohman Avenue was rented to house it. Thereafter, either the Towle Opera House, the Hohman Opera House at Hohman and Sibley, the Huehn Opera House at Hohman and Logan, or the Orpheum Theatre on State Street was rented by the students with School Board approval for Commencement and the Junior/Senior Reception.

On July 27, 1896 the School Board approved a final settlement with the county and township on school properties, but tuition monies were still in dispute.

By 1900, student activities at the high school consisted mainly of boys' football, basketball and track, and girls' basketball and volleyball.

On January 27, 1900 Board Member Sheere moved with Krembill seconding that "hereafter, requests for employment regularly as teacher by married ladies be refused." The motion carried unanimously.

On June 5, 1900, Principal, A.W. Hill asked for and received a leave of absence for one year. On July 9, 1900, Mr. J.W. Hubbard was named principal of Hammond High School for one year.

The football team, with no coach in 1900-1901, played three games, winning one.

In the early part of September, 1901 Superintendent Belman resigned for personal reasons. On September 21, 1901, Mr. W.J. Hershman was chosen to replace him as Superintendent.



In its second season the football team, still without a coach, won three games but lost four.

The first telephone bill (from the Chicago Telephone Company) for \$2.56 was paid on voucher #1443; the preceding voucher was for \$13.40 to Hammond Illuminating Company for lights. Both vouchers were approved for payment at the October 11, 1901 Board Meeting. A bill for \$82.60 for coal for the Central School was approved on January 24, 1902 after a lengthy debate on the burning quality, the klinkers of the residue, etc. Very little about materials for learning or curriculum appeared in the minutes throughout 1901.

The year end report for July 1, 1901 through June 30, 1902 listed the following:

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Electric lighting for the school year | \$114.52 |
| Telephone Service                     | 21.81    |
| Coal for Heating                      | 2,539.81 |
| Commencement and Library Fund         | 28.25    |

No, things have not changed much!!

In the September 12, 1902 School Board minutes, student transportation costs appear for the first time. Free street car tickets were authorized for elementary students living in the Wilcox district to attend school in Robertsdale and, believe it or not, a warrant to Bausch and Lomb Optical Co. for \$28.45 for one, 13-4 microscope for the high school was approved at the September 26, 1902 meeting. This was the first piece of science equipment purchased for the high school.

Superintendent Hershman was given a three-year contract until July 31, 1905. The School Board authorized payment of \$400.00 assessed by the city for sewers on Hohman Avenue (10-24-02) and \$72.94 for the HAMMOND DAILY AND WEEKLY NEWS to be used in the high school course of study (11-28-02)

The first city-wide music supervisor, Mr. Clark Leaming, was employed for the 1904-05 school year. The "Young Concert Band" organized by Mr. B.G. Young and the Hammond KOTM (Knights of the Maccabees) band, directed by Dr. F.L. Lane and later by Mr. D.A. Pugh, proved the importance the School Board placed on music. Both bands gained wide popularity throughout the area. The C.W. Whitney Music Company, located in Hammond since 1890, also contributed much to the Hammond High School music program.

The printed commencement program for 1894 is replete with music: an instrumental duet, a piano solo, a vocal trio and quartet, and choice selections by the chorus and by the girls of the class singing the class song.

The 1894 class colors of cream and purple were the forerunner of today's purple and white.

The School Board had purchased flag poles for each school in 1898. On February 28, 1908 it became a dismissal offense for a custodian to fail to fly the flag on national holidays.

On March 14, 1905 Superintendent Hershman resigned. On March 28, 1905 Mr. W.A. Millis of Crawfordsville was selected as Superintendent of the Hammond Schools with a three-year contract at \$2,500.00 per year. However, Mr. Millis declined to accept the appointment; so, on April 4, 1905 Mr. C.M. McDaniel of Madison, Indiana was made Superintendent with only a one-year contract for \$2,000.00.

Activities associated with Hammond High School graduation were considerably curtailed when the Board of School Trustees on May 23, 1905 ordered the Superintendent to "notify the parents of all high school juniors that it was contrary to School Board Policy and the well-being of the school to allow pupils to give expensive banquets and to request the cooperation of said parents in keeping the cost of such entertainment to a maximum of fifty cents (\$.50) per head for each member of the junior class." The Board also voted a requirement that all entertainments be held in the high school and that flowers and gifts to graduates shall not be allowed in the graduation hall on the evening of the exercises.

One of the most significant actions regarding Hammond High School was enacted by the School Board on June 8, 1905. At this meeting Superintendent McDaniel recommended the appointment of Mr. A.L. Spohn as a teacher of English in the high school for the coming school year. The recommendation carried.

The classes of 1905 and 1906 together published the first HAMMOND SCHOOL ANNUAL. The editor was Carroll R. Woods, class of '06, and the associate editors were Elsa Masepohl and William Smith, also in the class of '06. There were twenty-eight students in the classes of "05" and "06" combined. The teachers were as follows:

Latin: Leila Fish, Johanna Eggers, Margaret Morgan,  
Caroline Wakeman, Della Gandy, and Nellie Ingraham.

German: Margaret Semderman, Anna Masepohl, Jay Sell, Ruth Baker,  
Eva Page, and Alice Witbeck.

English and History: Eleanor Jones, Caroline Wakeman,  
Alice Mertz, Guy Cantwell, A.L. Spohn and Minnie Haines.

Science: J.W. Hubbard, L.A. Weinhand and Mr. W.A. Hill who was  
also the principal.

Math: Annie Bassett



Music: Agnes Benson, Clark Leaming

Stenography and Bookkeeping: Flora Merryweather, W.A. Hill

The 1906 track team tied with Indianapolis Shortridge High School for the State Athletic Championship with T. Harvey (Spot) Blair, president of the senior class, breaking the state record in the 100-yard dash with a time of ten seconds.

The boys basketball team, winning ten games and losing four under Coach Weinland, claimed a mythical state championship. The girls basketball team, coached by Mr. A.L. Spohn, won five of its seven games and also claimed they were state champs.

The highlight of school activities was the Lake County Oratorical Contest. In 1906 it was held at the Towle Opera House in Hammond with an attendance of fifteen hundred people to hear Hammond tie with Whiting for first place. Previous winners were: Hammond - 1902; Hammond - 1903; Lowell - 1904; Hammond - 1905; Hammond/Whiting - 1906.

The Hammond High School orchestra played Toussaint L'Ouverture by Black at the Oratory Contest. The 1906 class song to the tune of "Die Wacht am Rhein" was written by Laura Mather:

"Oh Hammond tis of thee we sing  
Thy tribute joyfully we bring,  
We cherish all thy memories fond,  
Our hearts are then through friendships bond.

chorus:

Our Hammond High School dear,  
Our Hammond High School dear  
We'll love thee ever far or near  
Loyal and true, Hammond ought six  
Hammond aught six shall stand."

The favorite yell of 1905-06 was:

"Who ARE - who ARE - who ARE WE?  
(spell out) H-A-M-M-O-N-D  
Aren't we hot stuff - well I guess  
Hammond High School YES YES YES

Drawing and manual training classes were introduced when Mrs. Belle R. Filkner was appointed Supervisor of Drawing and Manual training at the July 28, 1905 board meeting. What happened to the rule against employing married women? Apparently it did not apply to supervisors.

Commencement exercises for June 1907 included \$79.75 for rental of the Opera House so the ruling on the junior-senior banquet and reception costs did not carry over to the commencement exercises.

In March of 1908, a fire gong system was established in the school and on April 28, 1908 the Board voted that two fire escapes should be attached to the Central building which still housed elementary as well as high school students.

Frank Blocker played football for Hammond High in 1909, 1910 and 1911. Later he played for Purdue and the "Hammond Pros" becoming Hammond High's first "All American."

Differences arose between Superintendent McDaniel and Principal W.A. Hill. And, on April 28, 1908, Superintendent McDaniel recommended teacher F.D. McElroy be made principal of the high school; the recommendation carried.

Hammond High School became a member of the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges in 1908.

On March 9, 1909, Superintendent Charles M. McDaniel received a three-year contract through June 30, 1912. When a superintendent dismisses someone of proven value and worth, the superintendent's reward is a raise in salary and a three year contract. At least, that is what happened to McDaniel.

Also on March 9, 1909 the Board set special teaching qualifications for former "graduates of Hammond High School" who wanted to teach in Hammond.

On April 27, 1909 the Board rescinded the action it had taken on March 23, 1909 on teacher salary contracts for the 1909-1910 school year. That caused quite a stir in the community. (Did the Board have no integrity?)

On May 13, 1909 Superintendent McDaniel charged Mr. W.A. Hill (now a teacher) with non-cooperation and the former principal resigned. Sometimes you just can't win.

In June of 1909, the Board, with Dr. Howat as a new member, voted to remodel the high school assembly room.

The present Hammond High building was begun when Board Member Bicknell, on February 11, 1910, introduced a "preamble" to a resolution to the effect that the Board unanimously agreed on "the creation of a new high school building and whereas Mr. A. Murray Turner (of the civil city) has had certain alleys vacated and a portion of Erie Street lying between blocks one and four in Turner second section in the city and said portions of Erie Street and intervening vacated alleys now constitute one tract of sufficient area upon which to erect said high school and said Mr. Turner has offered to sell the entire tract for the sum of \$14,200" etc., then;



"Be it resolved that the Board does now accept such proposition and the Treasurer of the Board is authorized to draw warrants for down payment of the property on the northwest corner of Calumet Avenue and Hart Street." Hart Street became the present Highland Street.

On June 10, 1910 the School Board entered into a contract with architect Joseph T. Hutton "to draw plans and specifications for the new Hammond Manual Training and Industrial High School building without unnecessary delay." A resolution was moved by Mr. Ibach, seconded by Bicknell and carried unanimously.

On June 14, 1910 the Board officially named the proposed school building the "Hammond Manual Training and Industrial High School." Architect Hutton estimated the cost would be \$200,000.00 which caused some prominent merchants and citizens to remonstrate.

In 1910 Mr. R.G. Rupp was employed by the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to head the science department. Mr. Rupp became a steady influence on Hammond High School for over forty years.

On November 12, 1910 the Board voted to sell 222 feet of property on Hohman south of Fayette Street plus an additional 75 feet "if the buyer desires." The depth of the property for sale would only be 140 feet. The Board would hold the property behind this 140 feet to house the 1893 brick building they intended to move eastward. Fourteen feet at the rear running south from Fayette to Russell was to be kept open for access. Proposals for the purchase of property and for construction of the new building on Calumet Avenue were to be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on December 15, 1910. Appraisals of the property had been acquired by the Board one year previously, 1909.

On December 27, 1910 a committee of remonstrating businessmen met with the School Board resulting in a Board resolution that the cost for the new high school building and equipment for the first three years would not exceed \$250,000.00 with the remainder to be built and equipped as money became available. The committee was not satisfied.

The low bidder for the new Industrial high school was Mr. Eric Lund (\$219,000), who could not post the performance bond; so the bid went to G.W. Caldwell and Drake as general contractors for \$242,400.00, the next lowest bid.

The heating and ventilating contract went to Lewis and Kitchen Company for \$63,177.00. These two bids totalled \$305,177.00; yet, the bids were approved.

In the School Board minutes of January 5, 1911 appears a page marked, "not part of the minutes"; it reads as follows:

"A committee of three citizens representing five, namely "Messrs. Charles Frederick, Doffins and O'Shea, arranged to meet with the School Board on Saturday evening January 7, 1911 at 8:00 p.m. in the office of the Superintendent." This was undoubtedly a protest meeting.

In the interval, G.W. Caldwell and Drake submitted a bid and an alternate bid along with a \$1.00 check as earnest money and partial payment for the Hohman Avenue property south of Fayette Street, 140 feet deep as follows:

1. Total 222 foot frontage \$144,300.00
2. Beginning 40 feet south of Fayette and extending for 182 feet \$108,300

On March 17, 1911 Attorney Whivery for Caldwell and Drake Contractors asked the Board to extend the completion deadline date one year for the new high school to September, 1913.

A suit against the School City, Caldwell and Drake, and Lewis and Kitchen was filed by plaintiff Carl Bauer, et al against continuing the building of the new high school. The case was heard by special judge Pattee who ruled in favor of the plaintiffs headed by Carl Bauer. The Superintendent was directed to secure a copy of Judge Pattee's decision for the Board but no such copy appears in the Board minutes.

The suit followed a written remonstrance against building the new high school dated December 14, 1910 and against the sale of the current school property. It was signed by several taxpayers, but at the Board meeting the next day, the Board moved only to file the remonstrance. They also moved to open the bids for the new Industrial High School Building.

After the School Board and contractors lost the suit in Superior Court, the School Board passed a resolution on May 23, 1911 refusing to join with Caldwell and Drake and Lewis and Kitchen in an appeal. The contractors continued to appeal on their own and eventually the matter reached the Indiana Supreme Court. In 1915 the Supreme Court upheld the decision of the lower courts and reiterated the standard procedures by which the new high school could be constructed and the old Central School property sold. It became apparent that the School Board failed to go through the City Council that appointed them.

In June of 1911, Mr. Spohn resigned as a teacher at Hammond High School to take a teaching position in a high school in Minneapolis. No need to wonder why!

During the 1911 period of halted construction, architect Joseph T. Hutton, and later his attorney Peter Crumpacker, requested the Board pay for the plans and specifications drawn for the new high school by Mr.



Hutton. Finally an impending suit for payment of architect's fees caused the Board to pay Mr. Hutton.

Through all this, Hammond High on Hohman and Fayette was bursting at the seams with students, and the School City rented the Jefferson Building to house the commercial students. Students in the high school were permitted to congregate on the third floor. Sometimes they would cause the floor to sway at their will. Needless to say, this practice did not sit well with teachers or the principal. (Miss Marian Dieterich who was a student at this time, related this story to yours truly in October of 1983.)

The School Board began to rent out space at night. Each Friday night when there were no scheduled school games, the assembly hall was rented to Mr. Walter Walsh for his basketball team for \$8.00 if they had a game; the charge was only seventy-five cents if they practiced. School basketball games had been played in the loft, or assembly hall since 1903.

The Board also voted to rent an Irving School room to the "First Ward Branch of the Socialist Party" twice a month for the cost of the janitorial services. (The group had preferred a room in the high school.)

On April 15, 1913 the Board now followed proper procedures and declared "the Central School property and buildings unnecessary for school purposes" and said they were to be sold to the highest bidder. The Board then tried to return the 1911 check and bond to Caldwell and Drake who in turn refused it stating that their bid in 1911 was a bona fide bid and they were entitled to the property as bid.

Vocational education first appeared in Hammond when Mr. F.D. McElroy was appointed as "Director of Vocational Education for the high school" on November 10, 1913. He was already principal of the school (1908). As yet there was no junior/senior prom, specific school song, student association or official club.

On September 1, 1915 things really began to break loose and the saying "Hammond High Against the World" found the school beginning to win. On this date new bids for the new Industrial High School were received by the Board. Many of the bids came in using the old school name of Hammond High School. Contractors had already dropped the "Manual Training" from the title given by the Board and soon everyone just called the school by the name used when it had been on Hohman Avenue - Hammond High School.

After the gyms, pools, wings and auditorium had been deleted from the specifications, John H. McClay and Co. received the general contract for \$160,000.00. William Kleihege got the heating and ventilating contract with the aforementioned deletions for \$48,504.00. The two bids totalled \$208,504.00.

This was a lot less than the original bids of Caldwell and Drake and Lewis and Kitchen in 1910 but a lot of the building had been cut out.

Your author did not pursue what happened to Caldwell and Drake and Lewis and Kitchen. They did not submit bids on the go-around five years later in 1915.

In sports, tennis had been introduced in 1912 with a girls tournament and in 1914 a boys team was formed.

In 1913 the first interscholastic debating team was organized by Mr. Murray. Public speaking classes presented the comedy "Four Farces" in the Assembly Hall. On January 8, 1915 "You Never Can Tell" was presented.

The 1915 baseball team under coaches Levering and Rupp won four games, lost three and tied one. The 1916 ANNUAL went to press before the 1916 baseball season ended and no record is available.

The high point of 1915 was the Lake County Oratorical Contest in April. The contest was held in the Methodist Church on Russell Street in Hammond and the Northern Indiana contest was held in South Bend. Ethel Hirsch and John Dye of Hammond won the Lake County contest. The gold scholarship medal given in 1915 by Colonel Le Grand T. Meyer, was awarded to Mary Kabilla Trotter.

The High School Club, organized in 1913, was reorganized in September 1915 because there were too many students in the club.

The Benevolence Committee of the High School Club gave baskets of food for Thanksgiving in 1915.

In 1914 the Boys Glee Club was organized with eight boys. By 1915 the number had doubled.

The Girls Glee Club was organized in 1914 under Miss Reynolds from her High School Chorus. The chorus won the Gary Vocal Contest.

In the fall of 1915 the football team, under Captain Miller, won four, tied South Bend 0 to 0 and lost the mythical championship to Gary at the Hammond Athletic Association Park (Harrison Park) by a score of 20 to 0. Their victories were over Bowen HS, Chicago, 18 to 0; Harvey, Illinois, 14 to 0; Chicago Heights, 27 to 0; Rensselear, Indiana, 47 to 0. The coach was Mr. Levering.

The basketball team, under Coach Ellis, played their games in the Irving School gym on the third floor. They lost in the Northern Indiana Tournament where Valparaiso beat Gary Froebel in the final game on March 11, 1916. The sixth State Basketball Tournament was held at Indiana University in Bloomington with sixteen teams competing. Lafayette



beat Crawfordsville, 27 to 26 for the championship that Hammond High had hoped to win.

The 1916 ANNUAL had a staff of fifteen with faculty advisors, Mr. Murray, literary, Mr. R.G. Rupp, business, and Miss Foster, Mr. Mailer and Miss Nold, art advisors. (As previously stated, Mr. Rupp began teaching at Hammond High in 1910.)

The 1916 senior class numbered thirty-two of the approximately seventy-five who entered as freshmen. The chorus won first place in the county competition held in Gary and on February 15, 1916 two scenes from "The School for Scandal" were presented and scenes from the "Merchant of Venice" were performed in April. On May 24 the "Servant in the House" was presented by the seniors as the first all-senior play.

Mr. Mead, a 1914 Hammond High graduate, returned to the high school as director of physical training in 1916, and the football coach was Mr. Ralph C. Kenney, a math teacher. The record that year was four wins and five losses.

The basketball team won eight games and lost six. The baseball team won all but the first game; they won six. The Hammond track team won fourth in both the county and the Northern Indiana track meets.

Due to the first world war, four military companies were organized at Hammond High in 1916. After commencement the 1916 class held a dance. Will Hill was class president and the dance along with a party were the only social functions for 1915-1916. The senior class party was held on February 19, 1916 in the Chamber of Commerce Building. Blanche Riggle won the literary contest with a story entitled "The Disillusion."

The drum corps was expanded and Colonel L.T. Meyer awarded the 1916 gold scholarship medal to Rose Kessing and a silver medal to Mildred Sheerer. These medals were the forerunners of the valedictorian and salutatorian awards.

## 1917

The annual high school fair held on December 8, 1916 brought a net income of \$468.56. A drum corps, the school orchestra, a German orchestra and a vaudeville show were highlights of the fair.

The 1917 Hammond High School oratorical contestants won first place in the Lake County and Northern Indiana Contests, and representatives went on to take fourth and fifth places at the Northwestern University Contest.

The 1917 ANNUAL shows seventy-two in the graduating class from the original one-hundred-thirty-eight who had entered as freshmen. The senior class president was Charles Hickman.



The junior/senior banquets held since about 1892 had been held in Weis Hall, the Masonic Temple and later in the Country Club. The size and expense had become too much so 1917 marked the end, they thought. As the 1917 ANNUAL says, "Let us bid farewell to the Junior/Senior banquet forever." The juniors would not again fete the seniors at a banquet.

A music festival was given by the chorus and glee clubs. The chorus numbered over fifty, the girls senior glee club had sixty-four members, the junior glee club had one-hundred-six members, and the boys glee club had fifty-three members. The music department was growing rapidly under Miss Reynolds.

Many boys from the Patriotic Squad entered the military service and the all voluntary Hammond High School Military Company came under the supervision of Lt. Ord of the U.S. Army.

The track team won the seventeenth annual Lake County Track and Field meet on May 6, 1917.

A successful spring music festival was held in May, 1917 but the army volunteers caused a severe decrease in the number of students in the music department.

Liberty Bond campaigns received great support from the students as well as contributions to the Army and Navy YMCA War Fund. The school joined the Junior Red Cross, and many activities were held related to the war effort; thrift clubs were also established.

Albert Jabocy won the Lake County Oratorical Contest on April 14, 1917 and also on April 8, 1918.

No interscholastic debates were held due to the war.

Mr. Walter B. Hess was the athletic director. He also coached the 1917 football team which won the Northern Indiana championship - winning four games, tying one and losing one to Kentland before Coach Hess enlisted in the Navy Officer Training Corps.

In basketball Hammonnd High won six and lost four games. Because of war enlistments there was no baseball team for the spring of 1918.

The 1918 class was graduated from Calumet Avenue's new Industrial High School, which was the title of an opening poem by Henrietta Abernethy in the 1918 ANNUAL. The gold medal scholarship award from Colonel Meyer went to Lenore Corde and the silver went to Mary Fraley. The class president was Grace Trotter.

By 1919 Hammond High School had increased more than 400% over the enrollment in 1908 when Mr. McElroy had become principal. The ANNUAL of 1919 was dedicated to Mr. McElroy and lists ninety-one graduates. The class president that year was William Pierce.

Having just been graduated from Northwestern University in June, 1918, Miss Mary Hartzell was employed to take charge of girls gymnasium work. Mr. George F. Veenker was the boys physical education director.

The national flu epidemic ban prevented the 1918 football team from playing East Chicago. The team won three games but lost to Lake Forest, Gary Emerson and an outside team called the Indiana Harbor Athletic Club.

The basketball team won only three of its ten games and the track team placed fourth in the Lake County Track and Field Meet and in the Northern Indiana Meet held in LaPorte.

Activities and classes were really on the increase. Every department including a new French department held activities and social events. The public speaking department received honors in oratory and debate. The high school fair was a most successful event. A temporary cafeteria to serve the students was opened in the Domestic Science Laboratory.

#### 1919

Mr. Hollis Hunter volunteered (without compensation) to coach the 1918 football team. He had attended Hammond High School but had not graduated.

The year was marred somewhat by a desire on the part of the School Board to issue a Hammond Industrial High School diploma to Mr. Hollis Hunter for his success in business and his help in coaching. Mr. Hunter would have been a member of the 1909 class had he completed his work. On October 10, 1918 a letter was sent by the Board and the Superintendent to Dr. W.W. Parsons in Terre Haute, a member of the State Board of Education; his reply to Superintendent McDaniel, dated October 12, 1918, stated that Mr. Parsons saw no harm and had no recollection of any rule against awarding the diploma so far as the State Board was concerned.

Principal McElroy, and later several senior students, disagreed with Superintendent McDaniel and the Board in awarding this diploma. On January 21, 1919 the Board accepted the resignation of Mr. McElroy effective at the end of the school year. They did vote Mr. McElroy to be in charge of summer school if there was to be a summer school program. On January 30, 1919 a communication from the high school seniors was read and ordered placed on file. The communication is dated January 27, 1919 and supports Principal McElroy's stand in the opposing a diploma for Mr. Hunter; it contains signatures of sixty-three seniors.



On February 1, 1919 a citizen's committee with Mayor Brown, former Superintendent Belman, and Attorney Bomberger appeared before the Board protesting Mr. McDaniel's action against Mr. McElroy. A resolution was then passed; "On account of the trouble which arose between the Superintendent and the Principal, Mr. C.M. McDaniel agreed to surrender his contract (which he did), that he finish out the school year ending July 1, 1919, that it would not be in his interest nor that of the school that he remain to fill out the remainder of his contract which expires July 1, 1920." Everybody lost on that one.

On February 11, 1919 a delegation from Irving School appeared before the Board in behalf of Mrs. Hernden, a favorite teacher who had been slandered by a woman in the community. On February 25, 1919 they appeared again. By this time they had written the Mayor and City Council protesting the false statements given the Council and School Board by this woman. Mr. McDaniel was definitely and wrongfully involved in this incident, which did not help him so soon after the McElroy problem.

Out of these stormy situations, however, came something of great value: the return to Hammond High School of Mr. A.L. Spohn. Correspondence with Mr. Spohn was initiated by Mr. McDaniel right after Mr. McElroy's resignation was received, and a two-year contract for \$3,000.00 per year as principal of Hammond High was received by Mr. Spohn in Minneapolis on February 6, 1919.

On February 7, 1919 Mr. Spohn wrote to Mr. McDaniel stating, "Recently several disquieting reports from different sources, entirely unsolicited, and from persons who knew nothing of my interest in the matter, have reached me concerning the school situation there and Mr. McElroy's resignation. While I know little dependence can be placed on hearsay, newspaper reports, etc., I wonder if this is the best time to sign a final contract or make my acceptance public. I certainly should not wish to have my name used in any community stir over Mr. McElroy's leaving."

On February 19, 1919 Dr. G.L. Smith, Board Secretary, wrote Mr. Spohn after Spohn's letter of February 7th had been given him by the Superintendent. Dr. Smith assured Mr. Spohn that no release of information would be made until later. The next day, February 20, 1919 Mr. Spohn wrote a letter to Dr. Smith enclosing the signed contract and leaving it to the Board and Superintendent to decide when to make the announcement. Too bad the mail does not travel that fast today.

On August 26, 1919 Mr. R.G. Rupp was made Assistant Principal of Hammond High School with no salary increase. Mr. Spohn was principal from September 1919 to September 1949. During the 1949-50 school year he remained at Hammond High as an excellent teacher of literature and helped Dr. O.L. Rapp gradually take up the responsibilities of principal.



In 1919 the School Board formally established the Hammond Technical Vocational High School under the direction of Mr. Fred S. Barrows. The first student to enroll was Max Demps and the first teacher who helped with organization was Miss Mary Dwyer.

The Colonel L.T. Meyer gold scholarship medal in 1919 was awarded to Edwin Dinwiddie and silver medals to two students, Mildred Modjeska and John Meeter. These were equivalent to the valedictorian and salutatorian awards.

## 1920

The 1920 class adopted the name DUNES for the school annual. Officially it was the HAMMOND INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL DUNES. Harold Savage was the Editor-in-Chief with Mr. Rupp still the Business Advisor of the ANNUAL, or DUNES.

Athletics were now beginning to draw larger crowds than the oratorical contests. There was still no auditorium, gymnasium, swimming pool, or athletic field, nor was there satisfactory interest in student government according to the school newspaper, THE TEMULAC.

A new superintendent, Mr. Edwin S. Monroe, and the new principal, Mr. August L. Spohn, took their duties seriously and the DUNES makes note of the worth of Mr. Spohn in "raising to a higher level every phase of high school life and work since his arrival." The 1920 DUNES was dedicated to Mr. Monroe and Mr. Spohn.

The death of a long time and well respected teacher, Miss Annie Bassett, is memorialized in the 1920 DUNES. The class president was Gretchen Andres and the secretary was Mae Kessing who later became an outstanding teacher at Hammond High and a colleague and friend of the author of this publication. A grateful thanks is here given for her assistance in securing information about the 1893 building.

In 1920 the Colonel L.T. Meyer gold medal went to Vivian Dietrich and the silver to Walter Grace.

The school newspaper, THE TEMULAC, improved in regularity, reporting, and circulation. The H-Men's Club was organized right after the 1919 football awards with Bartine Lund as its first president in the 1919-20 school year.

The G.A.C. was formed in March of 1920 with Mildred Mate as the first president.

The organization of the Physics and Chemical Engineering Club, later known as the Science Club, also occurred in 1920 as did the "Inter Nos" Club later known as the Latin Club.

In 1919-1920, Gary carried away most of the honors in the Lake County Oratorical-Declamatory Contest but Hammond High was well represented.

On January 31, 1920 the Hammond High School Debating Club was organized with Harold Wagner as its first president.

The Girls Chorus of juniors and seniors numbered fifty-six; the Boys Chorus from all classes numbered seventy-two; and the mixed chorus was huge. Although the 1920 orchestra was very small, one can see Marion Dieterich as the saxophone player in the DUNES. Miss Dieterich later taught girls physical education for many years and was a counselor at Hammond High.

The fourth annual Hammond High Fair was a great success, as reported in the 1920 DUNES.

In athletics the football team of 1919 was very successful winning six games and losing only to Oak Park, Illinois, where the purple and white, now official school colors, lost heavily to the Cook County Illinois champions.

In basketball Hammond High won ten games and lost five. It is interesting to note that the HHS team played the General American Transportation team (GATX) and the Standard Steel (Pullman) basketball teams during the season.

Coach George F. Veenker of Hammond High School was one of the two officials for the final two games of the Indiana State High School Basketball Tournament at Indiana University in Bloomington. Bedford won after having defeated Gary Emerson earlier.

The track team took first place in the Lake County meet held at Gleason Park in Gary, but Elkhart defeated them in the big Northern Indiana meet.

Several school yells are published in the 1920 DUNES but, except for the athletes on the side lines, there were no officially sponsored cheerleaders.

An "Awgawans" (aw go on) Club was organized and held several dances and parties for the school. The first official Class Day was held on June 16, 1919 at the First Methodist Church on Russell Street.

The first Grand March was led by William Pierce and Violet Stinson at the Junior/Senior Reception Dance with music furnished by McNellog's Orchestra at the Hammond Country Club in 1919. A Junior/Senior Hunt was also initiated in 1919. These events are recorded in the 1920 DUNES.

1921

The 1921 DUNES was dedicated to "A New Spirit in Athletics" and the spirit showed.

Although there was no dance at the Junior/Senior Reception in June, 1920, the Class Day was continued as was the Junior/Senior Hunt and the Hammond High Fifth Annual Fair.

The new additions to the building - the north and south wings, the gyms, the pools, and the auditorium were finally begun.

A new student "Literati Society" was also formed in the 1920-21 school year.

In September of 1920 the first Student Council was organized; three seniors, two juniors, one sophomore, and one freshman were elected by their respective classes. Edwin Ball was made the first president and Miss Pattie was the faculty advisor of the council.

The "Cafeteria Girls Club" was organized under Miss Lola Hemstock during this school year.

The girls organized basketball and volley ball teams and arranged an inter-class tournament in both sports.

The boys track team tied Emerson in the Lake County meet and took second in the Northern Indiana meet, losing to LaPorte. Three Hammond trackmen were entered in the State meet with Cearing taking third in both the 100 yard and the 220 yard dash.

The basketball team won seven of fifteen games and the football team won three of seven games. Walter B. Hess coached the football team after having completed his contract with the "Hammond Professional Football Team."

Edwin Ball was also the president of the 1921 class and this was the first class to spend all four years in the present building.

As the vocational department also continued to grow, the Board of School Trustees voted to establish a vocational school building. On June 12, 1920 a resolution was passed by the Board to move the vocational education equipment from Hammond High School to the old Central School building. And on May 19, 1921 the Board voted to move the old high school building to a Russell street site and create a vocational high school building. The move took longer than expected. The contract to move the building was finally awarded to J. Wesley Reid for \$55,975.00 on April 17, 1923.



## 1922

The 1922 DUNES was dedicated to "The New Addition" which symbolized the spirit of progress and opportunity for the students of Hammond High School.

The new addition of the wings, the auditorium, gyms, pools, and cafeteria was finally underway and activities were on the increase in 1921-22. Each class sponsored a party and the Student Council sponsored a dance.

The Ace of Clubs, which freshmen could join, was organized in 1922 and sponsored a St. Patrick's Day Party on March 16.

The Press Club made its appearance and sponsored a banquet in honor of the basketball team.

The Friendship Club was organized in 1921-22 and the faculty even had a Halloween Party on October 28, 1921.

Paul Smith was Editor-in-Chief of the 1922 DUNES. Herbert Bieker became president of the Student Council and William Rist was president of the 1922 graduating class.

Miss Trenberth continued to produce excellent vocal music groups and the orchestra was increasing in size and ability under the direction of Mr. De Swarte.

The football coach, Mr. Paul Kelsay, had a rough season for the team did not win. Still, he was able to instill a fighting spirit against all odds and a loyalty to the school. It really was "Hammond Against the World" in 1921-22.

The basketball team fared a little better with five wins in fourteen games. The track team came in second in both the Lake County and the Northern Indiana meets.

The girls basketball team, under Miss Inez Lemmon, held a tournament in the Maywood School gym with thirty-five girls participating.

The Colonel Meyer gold medal was awarded to Juanita Williams and the silver to Ruth Smith.

Mr. L. L. Caldwell was made Superintendent of Schools in August of 1922.

## 1923

The class of 1923 elected Karl Taggart as their class president.

The 1923 DUNES was dedicated to Colonel Le Grand T. Meyer, a friend of education, who had provided a gold and a silver medal for scholastic achievement for many years prior to 1923.

The valedictorian was Carmen McWilliams and the salutatorian was Karl Taggart in a class of ninety-two students.

The editor-in-chief of the DUNES was Louis Marko who was also the president of the student council, the forerunner of the Association. The president of the senior class was William Kleihege.

The band and the Canary Club requested but were refused funds from the School Board to participate in State Music Contests in Indianapolis.

The 1922-23 football team won three games, lost two and tied with Froebel and Michigan City.

The basketball team won six and lost seven games, and the track team won second in the Lake County meet.

Girls basketball and volleyball tournaments were successful with many girls participating.

## 1924

In September of 1923, the Hammond High School Association was organized and the Student Council, which had been organized in 1920, was discontinued. The Hammond High Student Association elected John Wilhelm II as president, Russell Wolf as vice president and Violet Nichols as recorder. A cabinet with secretaries of Discipline, Student Activities, Social Affairs, and Treasury was appointed. In this first year, members of the Senate and of a House of Representatives were elected. Everything was patterned after our federal government except for a student court. The following quote by John Wilhelm II was written in 1968.

"This was quite a job being the first President of the Association. I had to formulate a program that would work and endure; and make appointments acceptable to the students. With sheer enthusiasm, we introduced "Get Acquainted Day", "Hobo Day", and "Friday after school dances." Our white ticket had a majority in the Senate and a minority in the House. Debate was heavy. Several pieces of legislation passed the Senate. Likewise, the House passed several bills. Unfortunately, neither house would pass any of the bills into law. None of us were experts in bill writing, but much was learned.

When our year ended, I asked our Recorder, Violet Nichols, to get her papers together to file the proceedings of the Senate and the House, and the minutes of the various meetings of the Cabinet for the incoming officers. With tears in her eyes, she reported that her record book containing all of our proceedings had been stolen. This meant our 1923 and 1924 record of proceedings was lost. The following year, Carl Kleighe was President and the debate continued. The third president of the new Association was Howard Noonan, who had served two years in the Senate. In his term of office, many important bills became law. As of 1968 the Student Association is still an important part of student life at Hammond High.

Our class of 1924 was perhaps the "wealthiest" class per capita in the history of the school. I had served as class treasurer in my junior year. Our class had ideas and ambition. We sold candy, pop corn, put on stage plays, sold megaphones, school colors and a booster program.

Our goal was to leave Hammond High a great gift. It was to be a stone bench in the shape of an "H." Class representatives contacted the Hammond Monument Company and Mr. Ben Krueger gave us a price on a complete stone "H" bench. "Hurray!" We had enough money. As I recall, the sum was more than \$4,000. We wanted this bench just west of the main walk on the south end of the school. When the School Board heard of our plan and the sum we wished to spend, they took a dim view of the idea and would not grant us permission. As a compromise, a large part of the money went for the fence on the athletic field, trees in front of the building and part of the bench. The half of the "H" bench stands - just one arm of the "H"; but the fence and trees are gone. My last quotation on finishing out the other arm of the "H" bench was \$13,000 - forty years later."

The "OG" (Oh Girls or Oh Go On) Club was first organized this year. It was a "yell" club.

Mr. Dale Kitzmiller, who organized the boys band in 1922 also organized the girls band in 1923. He directed the band with real school spirit and played the bass horn in the orchestra directed by Mr. De Swarte.

The 1924 DUNES was dedicated to the "Vast Wonderland of the Middle West - the DUNES." Miss Conde was the faculty advisor of the class and John Chevigny was class president.

A "Senior Class Song" to the tune of Melody in F was written by



Mary Christopher who was editor-in-chief of the 1924 DUNES.

The name of the newspaper was changed from THE TEMULAC (Calumet spelled backwards) to the CALUMET HERALD. This was quite a turn-around because the HERALD received an "All American" ranking by the C.I.P.A. (Certified Indiana Press Association).

The newly organized all girls band was well received by the community and established an enviable record of performance.

In football, Hammond won four games, tied one and lost to Gary Emerson and to East Chicago. Coach F.E. Wilson coached both football and basketball this year (1923-24), but the basketball team won only five games.

The track team won third in the county meet and second in the 1924 Northern Indiana Track Meet.

Swimming competition was begun in February of 1923 and the purple tankmen won the Lake County Swim meet on April 27 of 1923. In 1924 they won second place in the meet.

By the time the 1924 DUNES went to press the word "Industrial" in the school name had completely disappeared from everything but the cornerstone of the building.

On September 15, 1920 the School Board moved "to build a new school on the Central School property, the old building to be removed by September 15, 1921." They had already formally established a vocational high school in the old building in 1919. Finally, in 1924 they physically moved the old Central Building to property they purchased on Russell Street. In June of 1924 the first Tech graduating class of seven received their diplomas from the old Hammond High building which was now called the Hammond Technical and Vocational High School.

## 1925

It is in the 1925 DUNES, page 48, that the words to "Hammond Loyalty" first appear.

After extensive inquiry of the 1925 graduates, this author was unable to positively identify the true author of the words to "Hammond Loyalty." It is said by many 1925 and 1926 graduates that Mr. Kitzmiller, the band director, was the author. The music to the song is a navy march written by F.E. Bigelow, copyright 1919, in honor of the navy sea-airplane which crossed the Atlantic in May of 1919 before Lindburgh. The NC4 was a U.S. Navy sea plane piloted by Lt. Commander Albert C. Reed and the flight was not non-stop. The NC1 and the NC3 Navy airplanes were accompanying the NC4 but they failed and were forced to ditch in the Atlantic Ocean.

The president of the Association in 1925 was Carl Kleihge and the president of the class was Margaret Howe. The first Armstrong trophy for the most valuable football team member was awarded to Arthur "Archie" Spoerner. The valedictorian was Kathryn McCartin who was also editor-in-chief of the 1925 DUNES and the salutatorian was David Black.

The gold and silver awards given by Colonel Meyer disappeared from the scene in 1925.

A beautiful poem was written by Virginia See (now Virginia See Baron Spoerner) of the class of 1925 for their fiftieth year reunion but was too long to be included here.

The "Purple and White Pals" became the second dance orchestra in the school's history. The first one was the "Jazzadores" in 1924.

Emily Lowry, Myron Cox, and Vernon Anderson brought honors to the school for their victories in the oratorical and declamatory contests in 1925. Much later, Vernon Anderson became Mayor of Hammond.

The Arts and Crafts Club, the French Club and the Bohemian Club were organized in 1925. The Bohemian Club was organized to improve literary writing; the club published a magazine called LA BOHEME.

The yell club called the "O.G. Club" which had been organized in 1923, expanded dramatically in 1925 and chose the first official cheerleader, "Johnny" Lockwood. O.G. still stood for "Oh Girls" and there were many in the club.

The football team of 1924-25, under Coach Wilson won six games, losing only to arch rival Gary Emerson. This was the first year that Hammond Technical and Vocational High School fielded a football team. In their first game with Hammond High School they did not fare well, but a great rivalry was begun. The HHS basketball team did not do too well. Their record was six wins and twelve losses. Tech also fielded a basketball team for the first time but again, the team lost to Hammond High School in their first season of play.

A relatively new track team was building while the swim team won second place in the Lake County meet.

The senior and sophomore girls field hockey teams clashed with the sophomores, winning the first intramural hockey tournament. The freshman girls took the championship in girls volleyball. The question was, "Where did these freshman girls learn to play?"

## 1926

The 1926 DUNES was dedicated "To the Spirit and Progress of

Hammond, the Coming Industrial Center of the World."

The 1926 class was a class of one-hundred-sixty graduates. Florence Gostlin was valedictorian and Elva Smith was salutatorian. The Association president was Howard Noonan; the senior class had co-presidents in John Fairchild and Duke Jacobs.

Band director, Mr. Kitzmiller, became ill in the fall, and Mr. William O'Donnell was engaged to take his place. Mr. Adam Lesinski headed up the entire instrumental music program.

The football team, under Coach Wilson, won four games, lost two and tied Michigan City in this 1925-26 season.

In basketball, under Coach Reid, HHS won seven games but lost thirteen.

Coach Evans and his swimmers were well on the way to their second straight state championship when the DUNES went to print.

The "Perge Club" was organized in the summer of 1926 following a summer football camp at Berrien Springs, Michigan. It was first known as "The Undertakers." The club became a strong force in school activities for many years.

#### 1927

The 1927 DUNES under editor-in-chief Cyrille Pratt was dedicated to Assistant Principal Mr. R.G. Rupp. Mr. Rupp had begun teaching at Hammond High School in 1910 and was Business Advisor to the yearbook staff for many years as well as being the Assistant Principal.

The Association president was Marvin Anderson and the class president was William Jacobson, who later became an outstanding teacher and coach in the Hammond schools, coaching at HHS and later at Edison School.

The valedictorian was Florence Anderson and the salutatorian was Fannie Lurie.

The bands (girls and boys) and the orchestra made radio broadcasts in Chicago and were preparing for the state contest the next year. The orchestra won the state contest for the first time in 1927.

Coach Moorehead and the football team did not do too well, winning only the Whiting game and tying Streator, Illinois in a no-scoring game.

In 1927 basketball, under Coach Frank Reid, did not fare too well either, nor did the track team. The swim team, under Coach Nesbit, again did well in dual meets against the Lake County schools.



A conference tennis championship in June, 1927 was won by Arthur Earl; and cross-country champ, McWilliams, set a school record on the two and one-half mile course.

## 1928

The 1928 DUNES editor-in-chief was Vivian Dickson. The Association president was Edwin "Eddie" Nelson and the senior class president was Lee Johnson. The first hall monitor system was organized by the Association in the 1927-28 school year.

The 1928 DUNES was dedicated to the Wildcats of the football team. This is the first time the term "Wildcat" is used in the DUNES. Coach Huffine led the team to five victories (each a shut-out) and a six to six tie with Emerson. Their only loss was to East Chicago Washington.

A banquet and prom appear on the calendar for June 9, 1928. This is the first time the word "prom" appears in any DUNES.

The basketball team had to forfeit all games up to February 25, 1928 due to a mistake in eligibility of a player. They then did well until reaching the sectional where they were defeated by East Chicago.

The track team was outstanding in sectional, regional, and state competition. They also competed in a National Interscholastic meet at Stagg Field, University of Chicago.

In 1927-28, a Junior Life Saving Corps was organized by the girl swimmers.

Both the boys' and the girls' bands got new uniforms. The boys band, preparing to enter regional, state and national contests the next year, won second in the state and fifth in the nationals. The girls band won second in the county and the orchestra won their second state contest.

Present Judge Stanley Tweedle won the Lake County Oratorical Contest in 1928.

The "Sphinx Club" was organized in 1927-28 under Miss Mary Burhans; members were only those with an "A" average in the social studies. A word must be said here in appreciation of the leadership of Miss Burhans. She was the ranking member of the Hammond High School faculty in 1928, having started teaching in the old Central high school building in 1908. Several co-sponsors helped get the Sphinx Club off to a good start. These were Miss Breyfogle, Miss Hoffman, Miss Johnson, and Mr. Meyers.

"Der Deutsche Verein Club" (German Club) was also organized during the 1927-28 school year.

## 1929

The 1929 DUNES was dedicated to Mr. William Kuhn for his work in making Hammond High School beautiful with manicured lawn, shrubs and flowers. The DUNES placed second in state yearbook publications and received a national rating from the National Student Press Association.

The president of the Association in 1929 was Lester "Dutch" Cornwell. The class president was Harry Varner and the editor-in-chief of the DUNES was Clara Kuhn.

With Adam Lesinsky as director, the orchestra won first place in the state contest for the third time in three years. Mr. Lesinsky also directed the boys band with the assistance of Mr. Dierks and Mr. Weimer who were new to the music department. The band was ranked among the top five nationally after winning second in the state. The girls band was also outstanding.

The chorus and glee clubs presented the operetta "Rosamunde" with the music furnished by the school orchestra. The drama department produced three outstanding plays and the debate team met defeat only in the state contest.

The Bank Cashiers Club was organized in the 1928-29 school year.

It was in the 1929 DUNES that the term "Wildcats" was used in describing both the football and the basketball teams. Under Coach Carl Huffine the football team won eight games losing only to Gary Froebel. In basketball Coach Paul Church and the Wildcat cagers won twelve games and lost nine. The baseball team won six of twelve games. The purple swim team, under Coach Moorhead, did not do well in the Northern Indiana meet but did beat East Chicago and Froebel.

Tennis had been reintroduced in 1927 and HHS won the singles championship that year. In 1928 Hammond had a 500 season and things looked good for the June, 1929 tournament.

The swim team did not have an official coach in 1928-29 so Coach Moorehead pitched in and the boys kept fighting the water and the clock.

Also in 1928-29 a girls swim team under Miss Joy and Miss Marion Dieterich began interscholastic competition and, for a beginning group, did quite well against the neighboring schools.

## 1930

In the 1930 DUNES proper credit is given to the newspaper. The Herald won first place in the Class B (size) senior high school newspaper competition held by the Columbia University Scholastic Press Association.



Archie Ervin was senior class president and Leland Dunkerson was president of the Association. The editor-in-chief of the DUNES was Betty Osler. The 1930 DUNES was an outstanding edition.

At Hammond High School music was still riding the crest of success through the hard work of all involved. The girls band, the boys band and the orchestra each won a state championship. In addition to the state championship, the orchestra took third in the national contest held in Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Adam Lesinski was one of the best directors to be found anywhere. His assistants, Mr. William Dierks and Mr. Truman Weimer, were also very fine directors. The orchestra also played a concert with the B and O Railroad Glee Club. The concert was co-sponsored by President Willard of the B and O Railroad and the Hammond Chamber of Commerce.

From the outstanding glee clubs and choral club eleven members were elected to the National High School Chorus. They sang at the National Music Supervisors Conference in Chicago in 1930.

The Hammond High School Quartet, a boys quartet, was also chosen for the National Chorus.

The annual Hammond High Fair Committee, the Hobo Day Committee, and the "Trios Club" sponsored a sports banquet. The new library staff and all of the clubs contributed to another very successful year of activities.

In sports both Mr. Carl Huffine and Mr. Paul Church wrote an open letter to the students in the 1930 DUNES in which they captured the dedication, spirit and sacrifice needed for athletics and emphasized the importance of school spirit whatever the outcome of the game.

Although only three football games and eleven of twenty basketball games were won, improvement in the spirit was evident.

## 1931

The faculty advisor of the DUNES in 1931 was again Miss Eunice McCullough. For many years she worked untiringly to guide the DUNES staff to outstanding achievements and 1931 was no exception to her standard. The editor-in-chief was John Gunnell.

The instrumental and vocal music groups were again given national recognition. The debate team was superb in 1931, winning the state championship. The outstanding debater who became a member of the all-state debate team for Indiana was John Christensen, Captain of Hammond's "Negative", who deserved much of the credit for the win over Princeton's team.

A new club, the Junior Hi-Y for freshmen and sophomores was



formed this year and all the other clubs continued their long list of achievements and activities.

In athletics HHS won three of nine football games and tied one. Hammond High won five and lost nine games in basketball, won fifth in the Notre Dame track meet and won three of the first four baseball games. The boys swim team won fifth in the state meet in March and the girls swim team won their first meet. It was against East Chicago and they were jubilant until they were defeated by Whiting.

As recorded in the 1931 DUNES, the tennis team performed very well in the six matches scheduled.

Girls speedball was introduced in 1931 and an inter-class tournament was held with the seniors ending up as victors.

## 1932

The 1932 class sponsor was Miss Vera Thomas. The class still reveled over the prom they had put on as juniors. The class president was Lloyd Fredley and Genevieve Dorsey was president of the Association. Genevieve was the first female president of the Hammond High School Association.

Hammond High School lost Mr. Lesinski to Whiting, but Superintendent Caldwell persuaded Mr. Nilo Hovey to assume the responsibility for both the Tech and the Hammond High bands this year.

Mr. Hovey spoke of this at the Tech 1933 National Runner-Up Band Fifty Year Reunion held at Tiebels restaurant on August 28, 1983. He said that both bands were excellent but as he was in a personal no-win situation, being loyal to both Hammond High and Tech, he did not take either band to the regional or state contest in 1932; yet, both bands were capable of winning. Mr. Dierks and Mr. Weimer directed the orchestra and girls band respectively.

Mr. Hovey also spoke of a Lever Brothers Company sponsored band which met at Clark High School one evening each week in 1940. He was planning to take this band on tour in the summer of 1940 but the world war situation caused the company to pull out of the venture. This author played in that band and represented the School City Administration at the 50th Year Tech Band Reunion. Mr. Hovey later left Hammond for a prominent position with the Butler University Music Department.

In 1931-32 the Automobile Club was organized as was the Boy Scout Club of Hammond High.

The 1932 DUNES editor, Dorothy Horton, was forced to cut back expenses for the DUNES because of the poor economic situation not only in the school but nation-wide. The great depression may have put a

damper on costly activities but it could not dampen the school spirit.

In athletics the 1931-32 football team really was outstanding. They suffered their only defeat to Froebel. In basketball, the Tech Tigers won the sectional by beating Hammond High School in the finals after the teams had split during the regular season games. The track team did well, and the swimming team under Mr. Auree Scott won all but one swim meet.

Girls basketball was the best of the girls sports this year. A seven team intra-mural tournament was held and the juniors won. In speedball, the freshmen won the 1932 tournament. Nothing was more difficult for senior girls to get over as was a tournament loss to the freshman girls.

### 1933

The 1933 Chicago World's Fair, a Century of Progress, was the theme of the yearbook. The 1933 DUNES was dedicated to the memory of Miss Edna Getzendanner in recognition of her contributions to Hammond High.

The editor of the DUNES was John Johnson. The Association president was Salvo Marks, and the president of the senior class of 325 students was Chester Gargas.

The vocal groups continued to perform for civic functions and to win wide acclaim. The many clubs continued to contribute their time and talents to the annual fair. Within the GAC a special "H-Girls" Club was formed while the "H-Men" were forming a chapter of the National Athletic Scholarship Society under Coach Auree B. Scott.

The "Pirate Playboys" dance band was organized and the regular girls band was the first and only girls band in the nation to be invited to play at the Chicago World's Fair. It was the boys band though that received new uniforms. It just didn't seem right.

Another new organization in 1932-33 was the Radio Club. Ham radio operators began calling other hams all over the country.

In athletics the football team won six games but lost to East Chicago Washington and to Horace Mann of Gary.

The basketball team won the 1933 sectional by defeating Whiting 25 to 24.

A number of records were set in the conference by the track team under Coach "Bill" Easton. A state high jump record of 6' 7/8" was set by Chuck Baldwin; his conference record was 6' 1 7/8."

In girls sports the school year 1932-33 saw more girls participating in each sport than ever before.



## 1934

The 1934 DUNES was dedicated to Mr. L.L. Caldwell, Superintendent of Schools.

Don Schulte was elected president of the Association and Bill Voss was president of the senior class. A new teacher, Mr. Ed Nelson, sponsored the Senate of which Charles Bounds was a member. Mr. Nelson was a former president (1927) of the HHS Association and a member of the football team. This year he was the assistant football coach under Coach Carl Huffine.

Jane Stevens was the 1934 DUNES editor. The outstanding achievements by Mel Trutt as state champion in the half-mile run for the second year, by Charles Bounds in making the All-State/All-Tournament Basketball Team, by Robert Haak in winning the State Heavyweight Wrestling Championship, and by Ted Thomas with a state swimming championship all provided great moments in the lives of the boys as well as for the school in the 1933-34 school year.

The basketball team won the sectional, the regional, and the semi-finals in 1934. Although they defeated Greencastle in the state tournament, they lost in the finals to Indianapolis Tech.

A picture of Lucille Johns, a junior, appears in the 1934 DUNES as the first official girl cheerleader. The girls also had a good year in athletics with more GAC participation than ever before.

The music department staged the operetta, "Martha", and the drama department staged a comedy called "Adam and Eve." Miss Virginia Davis had produced a number of fine plays at Hammond High School and this year was no exception. She was severely injured in an auto accident later in the year, but in time she recovered and returned to Hammond High.

The band went to the state contest in Crawfordsville and came back with a "special commendation" for class A bands.

## 1935

The 1935 DUNES was dedicated to Ulysses and, "Those Who Would Rather Wear Out Than Rust Out."

It was also dedicated in memory of Charles Bounds and Donald Schulte who were killed in an auto accident on their way to compete in the state track meet in Indianapolis in the spring of 1934. Don was president of the Association in 1934 and Charles was a member of the Senate.

The father of Charles Bounds later presented the "Bounds Memorial



Medal" to two seventh grade students at Wallace Elementary School which his son had attended. This author and Joseph Abati were recipients of the Bounds Award in June of 1936, a highly appreciated and never-to-be-forgotten occasion.

The president of the Association in 1934-35 was James Dycus. Later, "Jim" became an outstanding musician and band director for many years in the School City of Hammond, retiring in 1981. The 1935 DUNES credited "Jimmy" Dycus with "doing the most for the school."

The 1935 senior class president was Gretchen Hopman and the DUNES editor was Mary Anne Sohl. The class numbered 388.

The football team won four games, lost five, and tied one. The basketball team won its third straight sectional championship and also won the regional competition under Coach William E. "Spud" Campbell.

Coach "Bill" Easton coached record-setting Ned York and the track team to a conference championship and third place in the state. He also instituted the first "Turkey Run" intramural activity for boys.

The swim team under Coach A.B. Scott equaled the record of the track team and his wrestling team won the state championship in the first state wrestling meet of the IHSAA in Indianapolis.

Never before had the GAC had so many girls participating in girls sports and the girls swim team, under Miss Dieterich, set four conference records.

The 1935 prom was the social event of the year and the prom queen was Mary Lee Brown.

### 1936

The 1936 DUNES theme, "The World We Live In", was emphasized by the candy sales, sweater sales, HI-Y Amateur Show, Doodle-Bug Dance, A Tiny Times, an Olympic movie, a GAC Water Pageant, a style show and support of the "Opera."

Many dances, a number of one-act plays, the Junior/Senior Activities Week Tug of War and uniformed boy cheer leaders are samples of the pictorial history of the class in the 1936 DUNES.

For the first time since 1926, the orchestra of eighty-three members failed to win the state championship. However, they did receive second place in the 1936 state competition for class A orchestras.

The boys band in 1936 had a membership of 193 though only ninety were used in the concert line-up. "The competition for a place

was fierce," said Mr. Dierks. They were recommended by state contest judges to go to the National Band Contest in Cleveland.

The girls band under Mr. Truman Weimer was still the only high school girls band in the region, if not the only one in the state. Fifty-five girls were in the band.

Betty Betz, of the class of 1936, was a record breaking free style swimmer of olympic caliber who also wrote the book, YOUR MANNERS ARE SHOWING.

Coach Bill Easton had an undefeated cross-country season and the tennis team under Coach Glen Hendricks won the Western Division Title.

The football team won nine of ten games, losing 7 to 6 to East Chicago Washington. The team was scored on only twice the whole season. In basketball there were twenty-three wins and only six losses under Coach Campbell. The team won the sectional and regional for the fourth time in a row.

Unfortunately, shortly thereafter Coach Campbell was killed on March 27, 1936 in a head-on auto collision near Wheeler, Indiana. He was on his way to Valparaiso to pick up a friend, William "Bud" Sweeney, and from there they were on their way to Indianapolis to see the Indiana State Basketball Finals scheduled for the next day.

### 1937

1937 was another banner year. The DUNES under editor, Carolyn Mann, was an award winning publication. The DUNES sponsor was Miss Ellen McGranahan. The class numbered four hundred thirty nine and Jack Black was senior class president. The Association president was Dory Funk and a new ASSOCIATION HANDBOOK was a genuine achievement.

The Hi-Y was big in its representation at the State convention at Culver, Indiana numbering more than seventy HHS members.

In vocal music the "Pirates of Penzance" was an outstanding production directed by Miss Cain and accompanied by the high school orchestra. "Remote Control" was the fall play. The Aristocrats were the rage of high school dance bands and the junior band was good enough to play its own concert.

The Barn Dance; The Cruise Dance; the Leaf Dance; and the Prom; what a dancing outfit, that 1937 class.

In athletics the new basketball coach, Chet Kessler, led the Cats to their fifth sectional and second regional title in a row. The wrestling team was undefeated, winning their third consecutive state title under Coach A.B. Scott.



The cross-country team won the Notre Dame Relays, the spring track team had a good season and the swim team won third in the state with Jim Cook winning first place in the state diving competition.

Four assistant coaches in the athletic department are shown in the DUNES of 1937. They are "Cap" Wilson, "Charlie" Shanner, Mr. Duffy and Mr. Witham.

In the English Department, the faculty received a commendation from the State Department of Public Instruction. Among those outstanding teachers were the following: Miss E. McCullough, Miss H. McCullough, Miss E. McGranahan, Miss Allman, Mr. Reed, Miss Kennedy, Miss Exley, Miss Strange, Mrs. Hays, librarian Miss Hauver, and drama and speech teachers Miss Cunningham and Miss Davis.

### 1938

Every senior class had outstanding successes but the class of 1938 had more than most.

The 1938 DUNES, under editor Jean Dickson, received a state commendation for all around composition and outstanding literary contributions from the students. DUNES faculty advisors were Miss McGranahan and Miss Schubkegel.

The Association president was Jim Cook; and his brother, Tom Cook, was president of the senior class. Both helped the swim team to a conference championship and second place in the State of Indiana.

State championships were becoming commonplace at Hammond High but none were accomplished without hard work. The 1938 Debate Team, under Mr. T.D. Reed, was an example. They won the state competition. The combination of Dick Reed, Julius Pewowar, Eugene Souigny (all juniors) and valedictorian Betty Foss (the only senior) could not be beaten when it came to debate. Today, Julius Powowar is the writer/director of the television show "Over Easy."

The 1938 band won the Class A state championship. The orchestra played the music for the vocal department's fine presentation of "H.M.S. Pinafore" involving well over two hundred students. All three performances were sold out. This author, as a freshman, was in the chorus.

The track team also won the state championship. Jim Cook won the state diving championship for the fourth straight time and the swim team took second in the state as did the wrestling team (losing first place by one point). The track team's only loss was to the Wisconsin State Champions, Milwaukee. Hammond High School won the unofficial state meet in cross-country held at Mishawaka, Indiana on a snow covered course



with a time of 10:50:11.

The tennis team won the conference after a winning season as did the golf team under coach Charles "Jim" Garrett. The football team under coaches Huffine and Nelson with help from Shanner, Garrett, and Wilson, won the conference and the mythical state championship.

In spite of the loss of center Jim Newcomb to serious injury early in the season, the football team was undefeated. Julius Papais had a 108 yard run for a T.D. against Clark. The team traveled to Newcastle, Pennsylvania and defeated the eastern champs 6 to 0 on a run of forty-seven (47) yards by junior Tom Chintis. They finished the season by traveling to Sydney Lanier High School in Montgomery, Alabama where they defeated the south by a score of 12 to 7. Wally Ziemba was named to the 1937 Indiana all-state team. Tom Chintis and Julius Papais later became fine coaches and teachers in the Hammond schools. This team, in reality, was the 1938 state champion.

The basketball team was just as great. The 1938 sectional was held in the new Hammond Civic Center and Hammond High won the sectional, the regional in Michigan City, and the semi-finals in Lafayette.

This was the first Hammond basketball team to reach the state final game at Butler Field House in Indianapolis. In the final game for the state championship, Coach Kessler's Wildcats lost to Fort Wayne South Side by two points in the final twenty-six seconds of the game.

George Sobek, until recently a coach and recruiter for the Chicago White Sox, was named to the all-state team, and Bob Mygrants won the coveted Gimble Award for outstanding play and sportsmanship in the state tournament. Bob has until recently been a teacher and coach in the Lake Central School system. George is a member of the Thornton Fractional North teaching staff and is Director of Athletics. Other members of the 1938 basketball team were: Scott, Ziemba, Hasse, Willis, Vidakovich, Jens, and Petrick.

In intramural sports, the GAC girls basketball, speedball, volleyball and swim teams had approximately two hundred twenty five girls participating; competition was fierce.

1938 was certainly a banner year for the class which numbered 481.

#### 1939

In 1939 the Student Association was headed by Palmer Singleton, Jr. and the senior class president was Tom Chintis. Mr. Dunham, Miss Allman and Miss Comer were class sponsors of the class which numbered 480, only one less than the 1938 class.

Jane Calnon was the editor-in-chief of the DUNES and Miss Ellen

MCGranahan was still the chief sponsor but Mr. Scherer had replaced Mr. Rupp as business advisor to the DUNES.

The DUNES sponsored a musical show, "Gentlemen Be Seated," and the big dramatic production this year was "Our Town."

Dick Reed was valedictorian and Shirley Smith was salutatorian. The debate team, with Reed as a member, won the state and traveled to the National Debate Contest at Beverly Hills, California where the oratorical and dramatic declamations of the team were judged first place winners.

In music the vocal groups performed with excellence in a new city-wide music festival. Miss Alyce Cain was another of the outstanding vocal music directors at Hammond High. An instrumental brass sextet and a brass quartet each won first place in the state contest.

The sextet consisted of Dave Kochery, Jim Lape, Eugene Pierce, Frank Meltzer, Roger Boonstra and Glen King. Frank Meltzer later became band director at Merrillville High School.

The brass quartet was composed of Joe Stocker, Charles Beanblossom, Herman Fogleman and yours truly. Mr. Elwood Nichols, the junior band director, was most helpful to the success of this group. His daughter, Mrs. Carol Nichols Loehrke, is the present band director at Morton High School in Hammond.

Of the 1939 graduates, one who played the sousaphone and was in Hi-Y became an outstanding American author and Hammond's "Man of the Year" in 1982. He was Jean Shephard, author of many articles, a television series - "Jean Shephard's America", and author of "In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash." The 1983 movie, "A Christmas Story," in which Mr. Shephard does the narration, was adapted from his book.

An amateur show was a huge success with Elaine Ramage, Jean Stoddart and Patricia Lordier as first place winners in their respective categories. The ballet-tap of Jean Stoddart was the best in the Chicagoland area. "Help Yourself" and "Growing Pains" were the plays presented by the drama department.

There were many dances in the 1938-39 school year, including a senior faculty dance entitled the Little Red Schoolhouse Dance. Music for the prom was furnished by Noel Hall's orchestra.

Mr. Huffine played the piano for an auditorium session honoring the football team which lost to Sidney Lanier of Montgomery, Alabama, to Emerson of Gary, and to East Chicago Washington but won seven games.

In basketball the 1939 team won twenty games and lost eight in the regular season but won the sectional. The tennis team was undefeated, the track team won the sectional and the swim team again won second in



the state.

In girls athletics the seniors won in three of the four intramural sports tournaments of the GAC.

#### 1940

Jean Keith was the editor of the 1940 DUNES. The Association president was Ted Ostendorf and the senior class president of a class of 458 was Jack Hardebeck. The valedictorian was Vera Bramson and the salutatorian was Grant Collins.

The social studies teachers were recognized as having one of the best departments in the state. These teachers were Mr. Witham, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Thorsen, Miss Robison, Miss Taylor, Miss Burhans, Miss Breyfogle, Mrs. Barnes, and Mr. Beyer.

The only girl cheerleader in 1939-40 was senior Lillian Wiggins. The football team won five of nine games and the basketball team had their roughest season under Coach Kessler. They also lost the first game of the sectional to East Chicago Washington by one point.

The track team won second in the state meet and the tennis team did likewise. The swim team won the state championship and the wrestling team won the conference with Jerry Fredricks winning the state championship in the 115 pound class.

Both a girls and a boys aeronautics club had been formed by 1939 and model airplanes became the fad. The clubs combined for a roller skating party where, according to the DUNES, everyone had a "fall."

Sponsored by the Bohemian Club under Miss Helen Kennedy, Poet Carl Sandberg came to lecture at HHS this year. The event was a most memorable one for all who heard him. His love for young people was most evident.

Dr. Powell Moore of the Indiana University Extension's History Department spoke for the "World Forum"....sponsored by the Association. Many outstanding speakers addressed the "Forum" in 1939 and 1940.

The HERALD published thirty issues in 1940 under co-editors Jim Chambers and Don Walstrum.

The "Hottentot", "What A Life" and "Tune In" were the drama department presentations.

Mr. Ted Fruehling and the bookstore staff with "Chuck" Creasbaum, Lucille Combs, et al, kept the financial records, sold thousands of tickets and knew everybody in the school. "Chuck" made his career in the banking field at the Calumet National Bank.



Mr. Gekler joined the staff to direct the orchestra and the string quartet under his tutelage won the regional competition for strings.

For some time now social representatives from each home room had organized most of the activities and this year was no exception. Activities were too numerous to mention.

1940 was the year that the Hammond Tech Tigers won the state basketball championship and though they had beaten the Wildcats twice during the season, the entire student body supported Tech from the moment HHS lost in the sectional tourney. The city rivals were outstanding and deserved to be congratulated by one and all.

#### 1941

Betty Jayne Compton was the editor of the 1941 DUNES. The theme was "Patriotism Through Unity." The valedictorian was Mary June Larson, who as Mrs. June Cook, has been - and still is - an outstanding teacher in the Hammond schools. She served at Irving Elementary School and for many years at Tech. She is still doing excellent work at the Hammond Area Career Center.

The salutatorian was Joan Kintzing; the president of the senior class was Louis Nagy, and the Association president was Frank Lengyel.

The debate team received an invitation to the National Debate Tournament held in Lexington, Kentucky where Leonard Schroeter, Lin Griffith, James Schnake, and Roy Craig were leaders. Virginia Szypczak won first place in the dramatic declamation tournament of the National Forensic League at De Pauw University in Greencastle and Hammond High had the largest NFL chapter in the state in 1941.

A Hammond High Junior Historical Society was formed in 1940-41 and this author appreciated the "History Sketch of Hammond High School" written by the president of the society, Richard Covault, in 1941.

The CALUMET HERALD, under editor-in-chief Dorothy Fallows, won the highest honors possible at the Medill Press Conference at Northwestern University and at the National Student Press Association Competition in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. A.T. Bolt was the faculty sponsor and Mr. Dunham was financial advisor.

A "Pageant of Nations" sponsored by the DUNES was written by Mary Lou Sternberg, Jeanne Wendell and Shirley Johnson and was the feature production of the year with the school orchestra accompanying the extravaganza.

In athletics the football team had eleven wins including one over Sidney Lanier of Montgomery, Alabama who had traveled north only to be

defeated 7 to 2. The Wildcats' only loss was to East Chicago Roosevelt. The team traveled to Portsmouth, Ohio where Dick Jones and Ernie Beck scored touchdowns for a 13 to 0 Wildcat win. Jack Georgas, a member of the 1941 and the 1942 teams, has been highly successful in coaching football and baseball at Morton High School for many years.

"Hank" Cleveland, an early 1941 graduate, played center on the football team. Today, "Hank" is Dr. Henry C. Cleveland of the Denver, Colorado Municipal Hospital and is noted for introducing helicopter rescue flights to hospital trauma centers. Dr. Cleveland was also selected as Hammond Man-of-the-Year in 1984 by the Historical Society, and Rotary Club.

The basketball team piled up 678 points over their opponents' 653 but they only had a .500 season. The Sobek family gave HHS another outstanding athlete. This one was Joe Sobek who played on the 1941 team and was the third of four Sobeks to play for Hammond High.

In track "Chase" Edwards set a state indoor record of 22' 8 1/2" in the broad jump and anchored the 880 relay team.

Art Mattox was one of the state's best in the high hurdles and Thornton Courtice stretched the school pole vault record from 11' 3" to 12' 6."

The golf team was undefeated in 1941 and the swim team won the state championship for the second straight year.

The wrestling team won ten of thirteen meets; the baseball team was still struggling; and for the first time in the school's history, a bowling team was organized.

Barbara Singleton was the girl diver-of-the-year in GAC; swimming and archery had been added to GAC competition.

For the first time, girls outnumbered the boys on the cheerleading squad. Ralph Smith and yours truly lost the attention of the crowds to Eleanor Hess, Barbara Singleton and "Connie" Dibblee.

One of the best in instrumental music was saxophone player Gilbert Delaney, and in art it was Mary Lee Kennard who took the honors.

#### 1942

In 1942 the Association president was Thor Kolle and the senior class president was Fred Karhohs. The valedictorian was Naomi Livers and Marguerita Juergens was salutatorian in a class of 420.

The "Pan American Review" and Miss McMillan's dance class were highlights of the year. The Wildcat Whirl was the biggest dance success

of the year but World War II was already causing cut-backs and sacrifices by the clubs.

The speech team won second in the National Forensic Tournament in Wisconsin.

The Aeronautics Club was styling airplane models for review by the Department of Defense. The Red Cross and the Clothing Club, under the direction of Miss Thiel, were working together to help in the war effort.

The HERALD staff offered defense stamps to subscribers. The vocal and instrumental departments sang and played at concerts for local organizations and for a Defense Bond Rally. They also produced "The Gay Nineties Review."

The football team won eight games including wins at Sidney Lanier of Alabama and at Portsmouth, Ohio but lost to Emerson of Gary. Horace Mamala's catch of a short pass for a score in the Whiting game brought the Wildcats their closest victory with an 8 to 7 score.

In basketball the "Kesslerites" had eleven wins and eight losses but lost in the semi-finals of the sectional. The track team this year came under the direction of Coach "Whitey" Wonsowitz (Wonzo). They won second in the state and seven of eight dual meets.

The swim team won the state title for the third consecutive year and the wrestling team won the conference. The golf team was undefeated and the GAC promoted a school-wide physical fitness program.

The school plays were "The Nervous Wreck" and "The Torch Bearers."

Mr. John Muri, later of the HHS English Department became the organist for basketball games at the Civic Center and Bodie was still the best photographer in the whole world.

#### 1943

The horrendous World War II years were heavily felt at Hammond High School. The class of 1943 accepted the "Torch of Freedom and Democracy" as the theme of the 1943 DUNES.

Faculty members were needed in the service as officers, and among those who left the classrooms of Hammond High were: Lt's. (j.g.) John Wonsowitz, R.J. Wilson, E.E. Nichols and Ed Nelson. Others enlisting in the navy were Ensigns C.L. Scherer, Gertrude Schuelke (WAVE), and Chief Petty Officer Charles "Jim" Garrett. As shown in the 1943 DUNES, the list of former students in the service is most impressive.

The curriculum was changed to meet war time needs and compulsory commando training for boys was initiated.



Over \$50,000 in war bonds and stamps was sold by the students under faculty chairpersons, Miss E. McCullough and Miss Betty Alderton.

American heroes Ben Franklin and Horace Mann were honored by the Press Club and the Junior Red Cross Club after a huge membership drive contributed \$200 to the Senior Red Cross overseas.

The DUNES editor was Katy Green and her able assistant was Kermit Clyne who has been a highly respected teacher of journalism and a counselor at Hammond Tech for some years. Mr. Clyne is presently working in the School City Media Center and has helped with the photography in this publication.

The Association president and "superintendent" was Jim Cole; war bond sales were an Association first priority followed by metal and paper drives. (No one seemed to know what Jim did as "superintendent.")

Dick Hart was elected president of the senior class of 426 members.

Steve Kucer (who played varsity football and basketball), Everett Thomas, and Bill Weyhmueller were members of this class. These three became excellent teachers in the Hammond schools - Weyhmueller became principal of Wilson School, Kucer became a teacher and varsity basketball coach at HHS, while Thomas became a teacher and coach at Clark High School.

The Audio-Visual Aides or a "movie operators" Club was formed in 1942-43 under the direction of Mr. Cal Seddelmeyer. Miss Thiel took over the Clothing and Home Economics Clubs carrying on the work of Miss Comer.

Although travel was very restricted, Mr. T.D. Reed and the Forensic League traveled to Fort Wayne Northside and came home with the "Sweepstakes Award." Jim Jones and Pat Kennell won first in the state oratory and declamation contests.

An "All Star Review" was the big event of the year with the drama students running a close second with their school plays "Abie's Irish Rose" and "The Charm School."

The valedictorian for 1943 was Jean Ross and the salutatorian was Pattye Anderson.

The big football game was against city rival, Tech. A member of the HHS team was Doug Adams, who later became a basketball coach and is now a principal at Michigan City Rogers High School. The basketball team completed a winning season with ten wins and eight losses. The swim team took first in the state where Walter Gumula won the state 150 yard free style, and Mike Lalaeff, now a Hammond teacher, was a member of

the team. The track team won the sectional with Hugh Dawson, a sophomore, taking first in the high jump and the high hurdles. Mr. Dawson is a teacher and coach at Hammond High School.

#### 1944

The war in Europe was swinging in favor of the allies in 1944, and Hammond High grads were running into each other in Africa, Sicily, Italy and in the Pacific Islands. The Normandy invasion occurred a few days before the 1944 commencement exercises helping to make the commencement most memorable.

The 1944 class numbered 323 and the DUNES was dedicated to Mr. Spohn who was completing his twenty-fifth year as principal.

The editor of the 1944 DUNES was Ernestine Turner and the theme was "New Life." Mona Ruwaldt was valedictorian and Harold Swick was salutatorian. The senior class president was Eugene Ince and the Association president was Victoria Wilson.

The senior play "Nothing But the Truth" was a "howling" success.

War bonds were still a number one priority and this class had a goal of \$75,000 in order to purchase a "Mustang" fighter plane for the Air Force. The school won the right to fly a minuteman flag after meeting their goal. Chalk up one more miracle for Hammond High students.

A flu epidemic forced the temporary postponement of the Christmas formal, but after it was held, it was followed by a "May Magic" dance and, of course, the prom.

The debate team participated in the state finals and the Forensic League won eleven first place championships in state competition.

Mr. A.T. Bolt came to HHS as a journalism teacher and took over the HERALD staff and Miss Mae Kessing - a former HHS student - joined the faculty in the language department.

The Choral Club presented a "Ballad For Americans" under a new and very competent director, Miss Esther Waterbury. The instrumental music department featured a "United Nations Rhapsody" in their concert and participated in many parades during the year.

In football the "Cats" won five games but lost four. The big win was over Gary Emerson when Bernie Krueger quarterbacked the team and ran wild for a 32 to 7 win.

Mr. Krueger later became a star quarterback at the University of Illinois and the varsity football coach at Hammond High School. (Due to a broken leg, Mr. Krueger had to miss playing in the Rose Bowl game.) He



is presently the principal of Lake Central High School.

1944 was "Bob" King's first year as basketball coach and his team won the sectional tournament. This was the beginning of an unequalled record of sectional wins and Mr. King reached the Indiana basketball "Hall of Fame." More about Mr. King will be said further on in this chronicle.

The fourth of the athletically talented Sobek brothers was a member of the 1944 class. "Andy", as a 6' 1" forward on the basketball team with Hugh Dawson and Bob Straight who later became coaches at HHS, contributed greatly to the team's success in winning the sectional.

The track team was undefeated until the state meet where they finished third. The swimming team won the conference this year but did not go to the state.

The girls basketball tournament was won by the juniors but the seniors won the volleyball tournament. A state girls "telegraphic" swim meet against the clock was held and Hammond came out on top with the best time in the state in most events.

#### 1945

The theme of the 1945 DUNES was "The Time Is Now." It was dedicated to the Hammond High graduates who gave their lives for their country during World War II and also to the memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the thirty-first president of the United States. During the war years, 1,967 Hammond High graduates and students served in the armed forces.

The Commercial Department teachers were commended by Mr. Caldwell this year for outstanding performances. The teachers were: Mr. Dewalt, Mr. Dunham, Mr. Fruehling, Miss Johnson, Miss Parvis, Mr. Schubert, Miss Scott and Miss Margaret Williams.

The Association president was Dick Sampson and the class president was Richard Brennan. The valedictorian was Frances Christianson and the salutatorian was Betty Walker.

The senior play "The Patsy" and the all-school play "Junior Miss", directed by Miss Virginia Davis were school highlights.

The Monitors Club had more members than did the freshman class, "so it seemed," said George Nelson, presently social studies department chairperson at Morton High School.

DUNES editor, Evelyn Jensen, led the staff in sponsoring the inspirational auditorium session, "This Is My country" and headed up the continued war bond sales.



The junior band joined the senior band for the first time in marching at football games and the football team had a difficult year - winning only two games and also losing to city rivals Clark and Tech.

Basketball was another story! After a very successful season sparked by Captain Hugh Dawson, the team went on to win both the sectional and regional. Mr. Dawson, now the HHS tennis coach, has had teams with nine successive conference wins to date.

While Mr. Wonsowitz was in the navy, Coach Huffine took over the track team. They won the NIHSC meet at Purdue Lafayette and the East Chicago Relays. One team member, Jim Scott, later became a teacher and coach at Hammond High and is presently in the investment business.

Julius Papais joined the faculty this year and the former HHS all-star became the swimming coach and the team had a .500 season.

The senior girls team in speedball won the GAC tournament but the other classes took the blue ribbons in all other events.

#### 1946

The 1946 DUNES was dedicated to Miss Mary Burhans who retired at the end of the year after having served as a teacher, sponsor, department chairperson and historian since the very early period of Hammond High School.

HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL THROUGH THE YEARS, written by Marilyn McLean, a senior in the class, was an excellent chronicle published in the 1946 DUNES and this author has used some of it in a feature for the 1984 DUNES.

Many veterans returned to HHS in 1946 to complete their education and a veterans' commencement was held under the direction of Mr. Ed Nelson who had also returned from the war. Today, a retired Mr. Nelson holds the rank of Commander in the Navy Reserve. This G.E.D. commencement was the first of its kind in the United States.

Miss Dorothy Thompson, later Mrs. Dorothy Karas, joined Miss Reeder and Mr. Long in the science department and Mrs. Olive Byers joined the social studies staff but was later transferred to Morton.

At this point some praise must be given to "Hazel." By this time it was Hazel Linstrom who was not only a former graduate but also chief clerk and secretary of Hammond High. 1946 marked her twenty-first year in this position and she continued to serve Hammond High for many more years. Hazel represented everything that was good at Hammond High School.

Coach Huffine retired after the 1945-46 football season having served

nineteen successful years as coach and athletic director.

Mention must also be made here of three citizens who volunteered a lot of time to help out in athletics. Floyd Murray and "Skip" De Camp were always around to help, year after year. Broadcaster and columnist, John Whitaker was one of the world's best sportswriters and a great friend of Hammond High athletics.

For over twenty-five years Earl Vaughn, the head custodian, had kept the building and the premises in wonderful condition and the class of 1946 paid homage to him.

The senior class of 259 students was presided over by Richard Miller; and the Association by William "Pat" Kelly. The DUNES editor-in-chief was Virginia Wolff and the theme was "The History of Hammond High." It was another excellent yearbook as well as a brief historical chronicle.

The Junior Classical League, formed in 1944 from the old "S.P.Q.R." Club of Latin enthusiasts, was sponsored by Miss Buck and had the highest percentage of membership increase of all clubs this year.

After ten successful years, the NFL Club won the coveted NFL plaque given by the state for the most outstanding ten-year record in Indiana. The club hosted an NFL speech tournament of over one hundred fifty participants in 1946.

The Pan American League, formed in September, 1945, joined with the Spanish Club to hear speakers discuss our neighboring countries to the south.

A very memorable occasion was a visit by Mrs. Belle Bardens and Mrs. W.A. Hill, two of the three graduates of the 1888 class, to see a slide presentation sponsored by the DUNES of Hammond High through the years.

The Arts and Crafts Club, under Miss Schubkegel, won the "Service to Others" award plus certificates for accepted entries to the national contest at the Carnegie Art museum in Pittsburgh.

The Chemistry Club was first organized in the 1945-46 school year. Mr. Long was the sponsor.

A home room (advisory) composed of only musicians was formed this year to ease the early morning marching practice and attendance taking. The orchestra and band each won a first place in the district contest in 1946.

A member of the 1946 Brass Sextet, Jim Qualkinbush, later became the band director at Hammond High and served in that capacity until the fall of 1983 when he transferred to Eggers School in Hammond.

"Spring Dance" and "Ever Since Eve" were the dramatic productions of the 1945-46 school year.

The football team won three games but lost six and the basketball team lost six of a twenty-one game schedule. The swim team took second in the NIHSC and the track team won the sectional and placed second in the state meet.

The GAC added horseshoes and ping pong to their tournaments for the first time, and ping pong became a regular noon hour activity.

#### 1947

The theme of the 1947 DUNES was "Let's Live." Lois Rock was the editor and once again, a yearbook was dedicated to Mr. Spohn.

A service flag was dedicated in memory of seventy-nine Hammond High School graduates who died fighting for our country in World War II.

A dinner in honor of Mr. Caldwell's twenty-fifth year as superintendent was given at HHS in 1947 and Mr. Huffine became the first city-wide athletic director. Mr. Homer Hightower joined the HHS faculty in the math and guidance areas and became one more of the great boosters of the school.

The valedictorian of the class was Wilma Seljan and the salutatorian was Beverly Morden.

The senior class president was Ted Bielefeld and the Association president was Tom Turner.

In sheer numbers there were more students participating in vocal music this year than in any other activity and the Christmas and Easter programs were as close to professional quality as could be seen anywhere.

The Stamp Club was organized in 1946-47 with Miss Mae Kessing as sponsor.

Beginning a long tradition, an "Association Week" was set aside for special activities. The HHS pledge, adapted from the "Pledge of the Athenian Youths," was adopted and the Temulac pipe of symbolic loyalty may have first appeared in 1947. It has been passed to each succeeding Association since that time.

Polio struck two members of the class, Sam Walkoff and Nancy Freeman, and a student drive was begun to raise funds to help the victims. Sam still does professional magic shows and works in Indian affairs but Nancy fell victim to the disease.

Emphasis on academics was given an even higher priority in 1946-47



and all worked harder on their studies.

In athletics the football team, under Coach Ed Nelson, won seven of nine games and the basketball team won nineteen games and lost only three until the final game of the sectional when they fell to the East Chicago Washington team.

The swim team won the conference and lost only one meet all year. For the first time, the tennis team won the NIHSC Title, and the track team broke nine records in winning the conference and placing second in the state meet.

The girls swimming team was reorganized and water ballet was introduced as a "swim demonstration" by the GAC.

For the first time, it became possible for GAC members to earn a varsity letter in sports.

The Social Representatives sponsored many events; one was "Louie Day, The Ghost of Hammond High." (They said Louie was 300 years old.)

1948

Patty McMurry was the editor of the 1948 DUNES and the staff saved the best for last. They placed the National Honor Society list near the back of the book; the theme was, "A Change of Season."

The Association president was Mike Korba and the senior class president was Stanley Podlach. Association week included a visit from Mayor Vernon Anderson, a former HHS graduate and U.S. Senator and Mrs. Robert Taft of Ohio.

The junior class turned the Civic Center into a real dreamland for the prom.

The band put on a school carnival that included a "minstrel show," a "water ballet," a "style show," a "chalk talk" and "flower girls."

Another highlight of the year was the HHS musical, "Night and Day, Act I; Fantasy in Black and White, Act II and Night, Act III." Each was filled with top songs of the period.

The GAC sponsored square dancing. The swim team won the conference, the track team won second in their conference and the baseball team under coach "Pat" Petterson won ten of eighteen games.

The girls had a huge style show in the auditorium while the boys remained in classes. The band had a capacity crowd for its spring concert and the fall play was "Tommy."

The Mardi Gras had replaced the HHS Fair and was a great success.

The football team won seven of nine games, losing to East Chicago Roosevelt and to Evansville Reitz. The basketball team won the sectional and captured its fifth regional win. Lafayette Jeff downed the Cats 44 to 39 in the Purdue Fieldhouse in the semi-state at Lafayette.

New faculty members in 1947-48 included Mr. John Muri, Mr. Lawrence A. Lundgren (a former student), Miss Reichl (who later became Mrs. Schubert), and Miss Margaret Work. Miss Elizabeth Anderson had joined the faculty the previous year and Mr. Robert Brock joined the staff on February 2, 1948 as a math teacher and counselor.

#### 1949

The president of the 1949 senior class was Art Bonneau and the 1948-49 Association president was Ronnie Stoltz. Mr. Overman and Miss Strange sponsored the class. Joanne Goff, Fred Thompson, Robert Carleton and Nancy Miller were in a four-way tie for valedictorian. This was a first.

Mr. James Hill and Mr. James Soderquist were new additions to the Social Studies Department. Mr. Hill later became Director of Guidance for the School City and Mr. Soderquist became Department Chairman in Social Studies at Hammond High, retiring in June, 1983.

The football team won five of nine games and the track team had a winning season but the "Bloomer Girls" of the GAC stole the show with the seniors winning speedball, volleyball and basketball.

Mr. Wonsowitz coached freshman/sophomore basketball in 1949 while the varsity team went on to win the sectional and regional, losing to Frankfort in the semi-finals at Lafayette by a score of 47 to 35.

The International Club sponsored by Miss Frances Taylor was organized in this school year.

The debate team again won the state meet. The dramatic hits of the year were "Young Man's Fancy" and the senior play, "Peg of My Heart."

The trips to Washington, D.C. as a senior class educational outing were begun this year and included a visit to Williamsburg.

The band won the Class A state contest in 1949.

#### 1950

1950 marks not only a mid-century point in time, but a turning point for Hammond High. Mr. Spohn retired as principal with the graduation of



the 1950 class and completed the year by teaching literature and assisting the new principal, Dr. Oliver L. Rapp. During the last semester, Mr. Spohn taught a literature class in the afternoon and yours truly had the opportunity to observe, as a student teacher-in-training under the excellent supervision of Miss Frances Taylor, those qualities in Mr. Spohn which made him not only a great principal but a great teacher as well. Students left his class in room 211 with a love and appreciation for literature and for their inspiring teacher. Having a conference period that sixth hour, yours truly, with Mr. Spohn's blessing, volunteered to sit at the monitor's desk outside room 211 where I learned much about teaching that a university could never teach. Mr. August L. Spohn shall never be forgotten by countless numbers of students, teachers, parents and members of the entire community.

#### 1950

Robert Kutak headed the senior class in 1950 with Maejette Erickson (now Mrs. Richard French) as valedictorian and Clark Wagner as salutatorian. Tom Lunsford was elected president of the Association. Co-editors of the DUNES were Robert Kutak and Laurel Groff. Robert Kutak (who recently passed away) established one of the largest law practices in the state of Colorado.

A "Future Teachers of America" club was added to the long list of clubs at HHS and the Junior Classical League was so large it was divided into sections I and II. The junior and the senior HI-Y clubs were still functioning well and a second team of varsity debaters was formed. Mr. Mattasar joined the faculty and sponsored the Speech Arts Club.

The counselors, as a department, now included Mr. Coleman, Miss Johnson, Mr. Hightower, Miss Bollenbach and Mr. Brock. Miss Williams, a former graduate, was still known as the best algebra teacher in the business and she taught a lot about manners and self-discipline as well. She was tough, but fair.

The vocal music groups were still expanding and at the 1949 commencement the number in chorus groups came close to equaling the number of graduates for whom they sang. The bands and orchestra again put on a "Minstrel Show" and during the year attended a concert at Indiana University in Bloomington.

The Mardi Gras was loaded with talent shows and edible goodies. Mr. John Muri of the English Department played a "honkey tonk" piano, but the concert pianist was Maejette Erickson. Dick Contino, a nationally known accordionist, made an appearance, and Irv Chayken, a Hammond jeweler, joined in the singing. "Cappy Ricks" and "The Bishop Misbehaves" were the school plays and the vocal music concert was one of the best attended events of the year.

In sports, the Hammond High swim team had a perfect record of



eleven wins. Fred Depaoli was an outstanding member of the team winning the Indiana State High School Diving Championship three years in a row. In 1949 and 1950 he was chosen as a diver on the United States All-American High School Swimming Team.

The track team placed second in the University of Chicago indoor meet, and the football team won six of nine games. The basketball team had nineteen victories and one defeat, winning the sectional and the regional. For the third year in a row they were beaten in Lafayette; this time by Lafayette Jeff by a score of 50 to 46.

#### 1951

Co-editors of the 1951 DUNES were Clem Singleton and Nancy Applegate. The DUNES sponsored the semi-formal "Winter Winds" at the Marquette Park Pavillion and also presented the film, "The Littlest Angel."

Under president Jay Ridinger, the Association sponsored "Demonstrations of Charles Dickens"; the movie, "The Trembling Earth in Georgia"; and a float in the Hammond Loyalty Day Parade.

The senior class president was Howard Peckenpaugh; the valedictorian was Dorothy Fasan and the salutatorian was Rosanna Robaska. Today Mrs. Rosanna Robaska Fowler is a social worker employed by the School City in the Attendance Department and is also responsible for the daily operation of the Community School for Pregnant Girls under the direction of yours truly.

The Social Committee planned many activities for 1950-51 including the "Hearts and Sweethearts" dance, sock hops galore and a real "Western Day" when everybody wore western style clothes.

The band parents' carnival was again a success with the traditional "Gentlemen Be Seated."

Raeburn Edgington of the class of '51, captured the world's high school shorthand record in open competition and Lou Karubas, recently a Hammond City Councilman, sold the most advertising for the 1951 DUNES.

A number of new clubs appeared, including the Newcomers Club with Miss Virginia Volkman, a former student, as sponsor; the Plant Club, sponsored by Miss Reeder; and the Pre-Nursing Club, sponsored by R.N. Ruth Latimer (later Mrs. Charles Prugh). A "Future Business Leaders of America" Chapter was formed by Miss Parvis and Mr. Wonsowitz who had started the "Wingfoot Club" had the club selling football game programs. Mr. Jay Wood took over the Radio Club, the AV Club and the Science Club.

In addition to her responsibility for the HHS student cafeteria staff, Miss MacIntyre took on the city-wide responsibility for food services.

"Dear Ruth" and "The Divine Flora" were the two plays of the school year, and the Christmas and Spring Concerts were again beautifully presented.

The band captured top honors in state competition for the third successive year.

The first "College Night" was arranged by Mr. Coleman and held at Hammond High in the 1950-51 school year.

Voting machines were first used this year for the election of Association officials.

The football team won five, tied one and lost three games; the basketball team won thirteen of twenty-one. The swim team won the state meet with new state records set in the 200 yard free-style by Wayne Hagerman; in the 100 yard breast stroke by Bob Martin; in the 100 yard back stroke by Ronald Bobinsky; and in the 150 yard medley by a team that tied the state record.

Mr. Leo Bereolos joined the faculty of HHS this year. He coached freshman football, reorganized and expanded a new intramural sports program and taught in the social studies department.

Miss Georgia Anderson continued to lead many of the GAC activities and officiated many games with Miss Dieterich.

The 1951 class presented the school with portraits by Bodie of Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Spohn.

## 1952

Co-editors of the 1952 DUNES were Charlotte Appleman and Naia Conrad and the class president was Jim Etter. The president of the Association was Fred Blackmun who wrote the essay "Success Through Brotherhood," which became the theme of the DUNES.

Valedictorian of the class was Norman Geyer and co-salutatorians were Sharon Ambler and Alan Johnson. Jack Lyle won first place in an English grammar examination held in Crown Point. It was sponsored by Indiana University for all Indiana high school students.

As usual, the music departments were excellent, and the custom of the vocal department giving a mini-concert at the Central Administration Building during the Christmas season was begun this year by the HHS choir.

"Grammercy Ghost" was the senior play and Miss Thiel and her clothing department again sponsored a style show to rival Macy's. The



boys were still relegated to study halls during the shows.

"Willie the Wildcat" was introduced in 1951-52 as a cheerleading mascot. The first "Willie" - believe it or not - the cheerleaders of 1951-52 think was the co-captain of the cheerleading squad, Don Mays. The other cheerleaders were Singleton, Stewart, Ellison, Kerr, Jim McNabney, and Nancy Mason who later took turns being "Willie." Jim McNabney later became successful at Morton High School as a speech coach and English teacher.

The library staff, under Miss Hawver, won high praise from the the State Library Board and student creative writing is beautifully illustrated by the many examples in the 1952 DUNES. Credit for the student writings goes to Miss Ellen McGranahan who again sponsored the DUNES.

Jim Sane was a triple winner for the track team in the Goshen Relays and the "thin clads" won the conference. The half-mile relay team - Don Snow, Jim Sane, Wayne Freeman and Bob George - took first place in the state half-mile relay.

Joe Baliga, as all-school athlete, quarterbacked the football team to seven wins while losing only to Bishop Noll and East Chicago Washington.

In basketball, Joe Baliga scored 389 points in twenty-six games. The team won the sectional and the regional but the Purdue Field House was still a jinx and Coach King's men lost to Logansport 45 to 43.

The swim team, under Coach Papais, won the 1952 state championship.

Mr. Long's advisory won the intramural volleyball championship and the intramural horseshoe champs were Ken Crowe and Bob George. The intramural free-throw champ was Bill Warmus.

## 1953

In 1953 world famous track athlete, Glen Cunningham, paid a visit to the Hammond High track team to congratulate them and the many HHS teams over the years for their outstanding accomplishments. This year the track team won the conference and the state with Jim Sane setting a state record in the low hurdles; and the 880 yard relay team of Bob George, Jim Sane, Gary Farn and Wayne Freeman, also won first place in the state.

The 1953 DUNES was co-edited by Loretta Michaels and Doris Rhinesperger. The senior class president was Ronald Pruitt and the class numbered 386. Three students tied for valedictorian: Mary Goff, Keith Kookan and Thomas Hanson. The salutatorian was Phyllis Beatty.

A new faculty member, coming from Irving School, William F.



McNabney (class of 1941) joined the social studies department and took over boys intramurals in 1952-53. Mr. John Preston from Terre Haute also joined the faculty in the English department.

Seniors in the 1953 class who later came to HHS to teach were Ray Ball, who heads up the art department today, and Ed Burkhardt who has since left the system.

After graduation, Joan Chapman (Pawenski) returned to assist Hazel in the main office and later became Chief Clerk. Today, Joan works as a secretary in the central administration Food Services Department.

The president of the Association was Jim McCullough. The Association sponsored "Brotherhood Week" and the choral department sang the "Ballad of America" for the auditorium session commemorating the week long event.

The drama presentations in the 52-53 school year were "Meet Corliss Archer" and "Nothing But The Truth."

In football the team won six games and lost three and the basketball team won ten and lost nine games before the sectionals. Hammond High won the sectional but lost in the regional to Lew Wallace 58 to 54.

The HHS track team won all of its dual meets and the swim team won five and lost five but still won second place in the state swim meet.

#### 1954

The theme of the 1954 DUNES was "Creativity." The cover design was derived from the elements of time, space and motion. Co-editors were Patricia Janiga and Rosemary Lane. The many wonderful student writings in the "54" DUNES more than justify the theme.

Tom Alt was the class president and the Association president was Jerry Foote. The valedictorian was Alan Tucker and the salutatorian was Ruth Ann Acker. There were sixty-five National Honor Society members in the class of 302 students.

Mary Berg won a bronze medal in the state English contest. John Rapp, the principal's son, led the 1953 and the 1954 tennis teams to conference championships, and the golf team tied for second place in the conference. The 1954 swim team won the state championship in 1954, and the baseball team got the school's first triple play against the invading "Horsemen" from Gary Emerson.

Coach Gellenback and his football team, run by quarterbacks Tim Etter and Gib Blackman, with future Clark High School coach "Dick" Hemingway at half-back, had a six/three season.

The basketball team continued its winning ways by capturing its fifteenth sectional and ninth regional in twenty-five years. They fell to Elkhart in the final game of the semi-state. The "B" team under coach Steve Kucer, won fifteen of its sixteen games and Coach Jim Scott joined the faculty this year, teaching social studies and coaching baseball and freshman basketball.

Hammond High's Frances Taylor and student, Warren Hildebrant, were selected to go to Valley Forge to receive the "Freedom Foundation Award" on behalf of the school. Miss Taylor worked very hard to secure this award for Hammond High.

For the fifth straight year, the speech department had entries in the national contest.

Diana Cook won the state piano competition for Class A schools and the a cappella choir, in new robes, brought credit to the school in the city-wide music festival.

The boys Intramural Council was established in 1953-54 and as sponsor, this author learned to take very seriously the business of officiating intramural sports events and basketball in particular.

A Hammond High Cheering Block was formed in the 1954-55 school year, and in the drama department, Mr. Rider directed an original play - a world premier - "Line of Scrimmage," by Hal O. Kesler, who was present for the performance. The two other plays presented during the school year were, "The Storm" and "The Evening Star."

#### 1955

The 1955 DUNES was edited by Susanne Wilhelm, daughter of John Wilhelm II, and the theme was "Depicting the Teenager." Among the many former graduates honored in the issue was James Edwards for his many acting roles, including a role in one of Hollywood's best pictures, "Home of the Brave" and former teacher - Mary L. Scott, a missionary in China who was captured by the Japanese in December of 1941 and imprisoned until August 1945. Miss Scott is still living in the Hammond area.

This author apologizes to the many equally deserving graduates who were honored in the 1955 DUNES who are not mentioned here for lack of space. There were printed copies of letters from several honored graduates addressed to Susanne Wilhelm which are shown in the 1955 DUNES.

The Association president was Warren Hildebrandt and Dave Bement was senior class president of a class of 325. The valedictorian was Carole Millikan, who won this honor over Frank Carroll because she had taken one more class for which credit was given. Frank Carroll then tied with Robert Rigg as co-salutatorian. Today, Mr. Carroll is a teacher in



the Social Studies Department at Hammond High School and a former coach of the Purdue Calumet soccer team.

Creativity was still high and the student essays in the 1955 DUNES should each receive a straight "A" grade in creative writing.

A terrible flood during the 1954-55 school year brought Hammond High School students to the front, and the contribution they made in helping distressed residents is still talked about.

The Science Fair came into being and Del Kacher with an electronic metronome, Richard Herlocker with a J-33 turbo jet, and Lisa Barrett with a digital computer operating on a binary system were all first place winners so far as this author is concerned.

A "Mom and Dad" banquet by the Hammond High School Hi-Y was also a first and all high school Hi-Y Clubs in the city participated.

Entertainment after the Prom included the Four Lads and Tommy Leonetti, the best in the country at that time.

The stained glass window effect of the Nativity Scene created by Miss Schubkegel and the art department at Christmas time was enjoyed by all.

An Association program for the PTA featuring Ron Burton's poem, "The Meaning of America," has not been equaled in PTA circles.

The fall play, "Old Doc" and the senior play, "A Message from Mars" were complete contrasts with the latter depicting an invasion from outer space long before the present movie, "Star Wars."

Annie Burns Hicks, a member of the 1955 class, became the first black teacher in the School City and is one of our finest elementary and kindergarten teachers.

Intramurals were strong in 1954-55 with horseshoes, swimming, basketball, volleyball, tennis and forty-six boys running in the Turkey Run. Dave Cole was horseshoe singles champ and for three years was undefeated champion. One hundred-sixty-eight boys actively participated in the program in 1954-55.

The varsity cross-country team had one of the best seasons in the history of HHS; the swim team won eleven meets, lost two and tied one. Jim Murphy won the state diving championship again and the team won second in the state meet.

Baseball was coming into the picture more each year. This year was the first year for a "B" team in baseball, and the varsity team, with Ed Scott leading the hitting, won the conference. Golf also gained new



recognition with the golf team doing well in the sectionals at LaPorte.

In football the team won five games with their biggest win coming against Morton in the last game of the season - 13 to 7. The winning score was made in the last minute of play.

In basketball the "Cats" won their sixteenth sectional, losing to Gary Roosevelt in the regional.

Mr. Stan Zaley joined the faculty following the death of Mr. Dierks and the instrumental music department gave two outstanding concerts under his direction.

### 1956

The 1956 DUNES editor was Marlene Hildebrandt. One thousand two hundred copies of the 1956 DUNES were sold after a real sales effort by the staff.

Dave Gehrke was elected president of the Association and Lawrence "Larry" Luellan was president of the senior class. The valedictorian was Wayne Wickelgren and Marilyn Hesterman was salutatorian.

Miss Toby Stern was awarded a trip to the United Nations for her services to the school. She was voted the student who did most for the school.

The Easter auditorium session was one of the best ever and it was "standing room only" because people in the community wanted to see the show. It featured a dance routine to "April Showers" and the traditional "Easter Parade."

Student "Dress Up Day" and the plays "Icebound" and "Remarkable Incident at Carson Corners" were great successes as was the annual Mardi Gras where the Expanded Arts Club featured a Chinatown. The Mardi Gras theme was "Chicago at Night", but the highlight of the evening was a visit to Chinatown in Hammond High.

Two excellent coaches joined the faculty this school year: Mr. "Bernie" Krueger as varsity football coach and Mr. "Bob" Straight as freshman basketball coach. Both were former students and outstanding athletes at Hammond High. The freshmen basketball team won twelve of fifteen games and the varsity football team won three, tied Froebel and lost four games. But, things were beginning to look up; the students were still shouting, "Hammond Against the World."

In varsity basketball, with Frank Radovich as a senior and all-star center, Hammond High had a regular season record of twenty wins and four losses. There were also five other seniors contributing to the successful season. The losses were to Muncie Central, South Bend Central

(twice) and Lafayette Jeff. After winning the sectional the Cats lost the final game of the regional to Gary Froebel 74 to 70.

A new and very popular club this year was the Crescent City Jazz Club sponsored by William F. McNabney. The study of intonation, rhythm and improvisation of well known jazz musicians created what some called "quite a racket" in room 216. The club heard some of the finest and most valuable records in existence during their club periods.

Mr. John Muri had started the Chess Club a few years back, and competition was becoming interscholastic among the region schools. Mr. Muri was still the organist for all HHS ball games played at the Civic Center.

Mr. Edgar Peglow, a former student and now president of the E.C. Minas Company store, was one of the judges in the "I Speak For Democracy Contest", and the school won the Freedom Foundation Award from Valley Forge for the third time.

Another first for Hammond High was the Distributive Education Club sponsored by Mr. John Nichols.

The Christmas and Easter issues of the HERALD, under editor Jan McGeorge and sponsor A.T. Bolt, were high school newspaper prize winners in the state, rounding out a fine year for the 1956 class with one exception: for the first time, male cheerleaders were absent from the scene and cheerleading became a woman's world.

In 1956 Miss McGranahan requested relief from the strain and tension she had shouldered for many years as sponsor of the DUNES. Thus, Mr. A.T. Bolt became the sponsor of the 1957 DUNES and the editor was Jean Sippel. The focus was on "The Students of Hammond High School."

The president of the 360 members of the 1956 senior class was Lloyd Wiborg, and Paul Hinton was the Association president. The senior play was "Curtain Going Up" directed by Miss Oza Cunningham who had joined the faculty this school year.

#### 1957

Among the new teachers in 1956-57 were Mr. Victor Georgas who is still a fine teacher in the social studies department: Mrs. Donham, Miss Esten, Miss Hurley and Mr. A.J. Esterhay, who is presently Assistant Principal at Clark High School.

After forty-two years as custodian of Hammond High, Mr. George Vaughn retired, and those fine teachers of Latin, Miss Work and Miss Harrold, made a farewell presentation to Mr. Vaughn on behalf of the students and faculty.



The 1957 valedictorian was Elaine Kruger and the salutatorian was Laurel Hall.

The sports highlight of the year was the football team. With players like Irv Cross who later played professional football with Philadelphia and with Los Angeles and at present is a TV sports commentator on a national network, Frank Saculla, Christ Voris, Pete Milobar, Harry Pappas, Rich Neely, Ken Abbott, Phil Albert, Ted Kaegebein, Don Pickett, Gary Byers and Jim Sanders, the team won the Northwest Conference Championship and Western Division Championship.

Irv Cross was also Hammond's "Man of the Year" for 1980.

In basketball, after a season record of thirteen wins and five losses in regular season play and three wins in the sectional, the Cats fell to Bishop Noll in the final game of the 1957 sectional.

Coaches Kucer, Scott, Wonsowitz, Papais, Krueger, Straight and King were developing a spirit among young male athletes that has proven to be of inestimable value. Miss Dieterich, Miss Anderson and Miss Hurley were doing the same with the many girls in the girls sports and intramural activities.

Honors Day, sponsored by the National Honor Society, gave recognition to those students who helped set a scholastic record that was one of the best among high schools in the region.

Representatives of business, labor and industry visited Hammond High this school year. Miss Helen Kennedy of the English department headed the committee that made these visitations (another first at HHS) a great success.

A student handbook, THE PURPLE BOOK, first printed in 1956-57 was sponsored by the Association and distributed at the orientation for incoming freshmen.

The "Winter Concert" featured popular music. Several band members performed who had won individual honors in the state contest where the band captured first place for the third consecutive year.

Miss Waterbury and her vocal groups presented a musical program on "Brotherhood" in addition to their regular Christmas Vesper and Easter programs.

After many inter-school debates and twenty community service appearances, the debate and speech teams were represented by Laurel Hall and Carol Kelly at the Alexander Hamilton Bi-Centennial National Speech Contest.

The H-Men's Council took the lead in co-sponsoring with the



Association, the "Forest of Dreams" winter semi-formal dance held in St. John's Panel Room in Whiting.

The Mardi Gras theme was "An American in Paris," and the year ended with the spotlight on the Prom and its theme, "A Night of Fantasy."

1958

DUNES co-editors in the class of 1958 were Marie Bemisderfer and Phyllis Miller.

New faculty members were Don Moretton, presently a teacher at HHS and formerly principal of Gavit; Mrs. Marian Halfacre, presently Director of Food Services for the School City; and Mr. Hugh Dawson, a teacher and coach at HHS. Misses Emily Johnson, Alice Bollin, Catalina Restrepo, Mr. Don Clark and Mr. Ronald Wagonblast were also among the new faculty members in 1957-58.

Wayne McIntyre had won the election for Association president and Dennis Egnatz was president of the senior class. Ray Durand was valedictorian. He was also manager of the basketball team for three years. The salutatorian was Marcia Vergin.

The social event of the year was the H-Men's semi-formal called "Imagination." The proceeds went to support Kim, a Korean orphan adopted by the school. The social studies department held a sock hop, "Hearts Are Hoppin," also in support of Kim.

A most successful first for the school was "Bermuda Day" sponsored by the Association. Yours truly has always regretted his failure to participate. "Too chicken" was an unsatisfactory reason for such failure, since bony knees were the order of the day.

The DUNES was sold out in 1958 and copies are still not easy to obtain.

Mrs. Geneva Boyd headed the cafeteria staff under Miss McIntyre. Mrs. Boyd later became Director of Food Services for the School City, retiring in 1983.

The Electronics Club and the Science-Math Club, both sponsored by Mr. Lawrence Alan Lundgren, were making history at the Science Fair Contests.

The DUNES staff joined the Red Cross Club and filled Christmas baskets for the needy.

The Future Teachers Club, under Mr. Soderquist, established student-teacher day, and most members enjoyed the experience of working out lesson plans, learning exercises and teaching techniques as they each

became a teacher for the day in one of their classes.

A "Pan American League" had been formed by Miss Mae Kessing and their study about our neighbors to the south brought a number of speakers to address the club.

A new Hammond High singing group called "The Great Nuts" was formed and became a real hit. The Crescent City Jazz Club made an excursion to Chicago for a Muscular Dystrophy Benefit and was privileged to see and hear a newcomer to Chicago in his first appearance in the windy city. Mr. Al Hirt played his arrangement of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" among many other selections and brought the crowd to its feet. The club also sponsored an auditorium session with jazz pianist Teddy Wilson.

The senior band sponsored an assembly featuring Mr. Pruth McFarlin, the "Voice With a Soul", who sang "Go Tell It On the Mountain," "Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child" and several spirituals.

The senior play was "The Hottentot", and Micky Isley furnished the music for the winter semi-formal "Snow Ball."

In athletics the football team tied rival Morton in a no-score contest at the end of the season to salvage a rough year. The "B" Team was undefeated, and the freshman team lost only one game, although they too, tied Morton 6 to 6.

The swim team was ranked fourth in the conference and the cross-country team won six of ten meets.

In basketball the freshmen lost only one of seventeen games under Coach Hugh Dawson and the "B" team won eleven of its seventeen games. The varsity basketball team had one of its rougher years, but a renewed interest in wrestling brought wins over Lowell and Bishop Noll. The new wrestling coach was Don Clark.

#### 1959

The theme of the 1959 DUNES was "The Last of the Fabulous Fifties" and the co-editors were Dan Morris and Fran Conces. The Association president was Len Clark and the president of the senior class was Jack Hugus.

The emphasis of the whole school was still on academic achievement; consequently, HHS was one of three high schools in the state in 1959 to receive a "Special First Class Commission" of accreditation by the State Board of Education. The class of 1959 had more National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists than all Lake County schools combined. The valedictorian was Robert Kaye and the salutatorian was Pete Bock.

The debate team won thirty-six of forty meets; the junior varsity debaters won twenty of twenty-six.

A "Big Brother" program for incoming freshmen was initiated by the Association. The Industry Speakers Bureau was continued, with outstanding men from local industry addressing various classes in the school.

The HERALD staff founded a new magazine this year giving it the old name of the newspaper, THE TEMULAC. Phyllis Goldstein was the first editor of this new magazine.

Music groups, including the "Majorettes" and the band, continued to give outstanding performances for students and community groups. The "Madrigals" dressed in costumes appropriate to the period, renewed the style of music of the middle ages.

Mr. Harold Binkert joined the social studies staff this year and Alice Bollin joined the math department coming from Clark.

"Fascination" and "Mistletoe Magic" were semi-formals with John Tweedle and Marilyn Brom voted king and queen of "Mistletoe Magic."

The DUNES held a "Signature Swing" and as always, all clubs participated in the renewed Mardi Gras with a World's Fair theme.

Jim Kalen's band with your author on trombone played three sock hops including the homecoming sock hop.

The fall play was "The Bat", an excellent "who done it"; the senior play was "Good Housekeeping."

In athletics Coach King's golf team was victorious in five of its first six matches and the tennis team won seven of ten matches. In track, Tom Elder won the pole vault at the Northwest Indoor Conference Meet held at the University of Chicago. The season looked promising; the team won its first five meets but was defeated by Froebel 54 to 39 in the Sectional Track Meet.

The wrestling team came up with a winning season, and the swim team won six but lost three and tied one. Their 200 yard relay team won the conference and the state swimming championships. Ron Ware, Stan Krejci, Larry Sands and Larry Armstrong comprised the winning relay team.

The football team again won the conference. Senior, Don Brumm, later played professional football with several teams in the N.F.L. This team was undefeated but in the final game they were tied by Evansville Reitz. The "B" team was also undefeated; the freshmen lost one game.

1959 marked the end of an era in outstanding leadership from Coach



"Bob" King who retired from basketball coaching at the end of a season of fifteen wins and seven losses. In the final game of the sectional the HHS cagers, in a double overtime, lost to Crown Point 54 to 52. More will be said later about Coach King.

## 1960

The editor-in-chief of the 1960 DUNES was Linda Carnowski who set the goal of getting a picture of every student into the yearbook.

Dedicated pages were given to Miss Laura Johnston, Junior Class Counselor, and to Mr. Bill Meyrer, a custodian who died during the year and whose many services to students were well known. Another page was dedicated to sophomore Wayne Tatum by his fellow students in Miss Bollenbach's home room. Wayne suffered a tragic death on March 29, 1960.

Association President John Tweedle made "Safety" the theme of Association Week and the "Flash and Clash" day, the "Class Colors" and "Dun Up Day" were topped off with a banquet called "Safti-in-Italia."

The prom decorations this year were in a Japanese motif and as always, were beautiful.

New faculty members included Mr. Dennis Burdock who became an assistant principal of Hammond High School and presently is principal of Clark Jr./Sr. High School, Mr. Charles Sizemore, Nancy Jacobs, Vera Erickson, and Vera Webster.

Mr. R.B. Miller became Superintendent of Schools following the death of Mr. L.L. Caldwell in 1959.

Dr. Rapp continued his untiring efforts to better Hammond High for the students. Hazel Lindstrom, with the help of Pat Grzbowski, Joan Pawenski, and Carol Matson, continued to keep the office in efficient operation.

The senior class president was Jim Durham and the senior play was "The Girls in 509." The fall play was "Our Town." The Christmas program featured "Amahl and The Night Visitors." Josephine Reichl Schubert and her German Club featured a Christmas puppet show and the Expanded Arts Club outdid themselves on the tree decorations.

A special math course, UICSM (University of Illinois Course of Study in Mathematics), was offered to advanced students under Mr. Don Clark with supervision by department chairperson, Thelma Abell.

The valedictorian was "Herb" Norton and the salutatorian was Bonnie Cadwalder who was also the drum majorette of the marching band.

The "Chansonettes" in the vocal music department came up with new uniform dresses as well as great performances similar to those of the "Chordaires" and the other ensembles.

Mr. Lynn Powell took over the Political Science Club, and Miss Lovetta Dixon, who for some time had been the school nurse, was advisor to the Future Nurses Club. An "Oil Panel" was formed out of Speech Arts Club and Mr. Norman Beyer was advisor.

Outstanding on the "Oil Panel" and in Speech Arts was Calvin E. Bellamy, now president of the Calumet National Bank.

The boys tennis team was undefeated in the regular season but lost the division championship matches to Elkhart.

In track, Adam Kocal qualified for the state finals in the high jump after the team did well all year. In wrestling, Tim Haley won the state championship in the 138 pound class. In swimming, the team won seven and lost four regular meets.

Varsity basketball Coach Steve Kucer and his cagers worked very hard but didn't come up with a winning season; however, they won their first two games of the sectional before losing to Highland in the final game. The team had lost many varsity players due to graduation.

The football team suffered their only loss to East Chicago Roosevelt, though they were tied by LaPorte and by Whiting.

The school year 1959-60 marked the 75th anniversary of the 1884-85 beginning of Hammond High School. A tribute to the school, complete with slides and written sketch by a faculty committee chaired by Miss McGranahan, was given at the faculty banquet in June of 1960. A tape of Mr. Spohn's voice giving greetings and one of Helen Kennedy reading her poem, "The Magnolia" gave a beautiful ending to the program.

#### 1961

Many erroneously considered the 1960-61 school year to be the 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Year of Hammond High because of the carry over of celebrations planned but not completed in the previous year. In fact, the actual anniversary year almost slipped by without anyone realizing its importance.

The editor of the 1961 DUNES was Sue Selsor and the president of the Association was Doug Trolson. The senior class president was Dave Hugus. There were six National Merit semi-finalists in the class of 1961. The valedictorian was Nancy Miller followed by Susan Pollack as salutatorian.

The seniors of "61" presented a comedy, "The Torchbearers," as their



play; the fall play was "Silas Marner."

Association Week included an "Old Fashion Day" in commemoration of the history of HHS, and the week was ended with a "Bermuda Sock Hop."

Phil Gubitz, a 1961 graduate, is now a nationally known television writer of such hits as "All in the Family," "Carter Country," and at present "Jennifer Slept Here." Phil is known professionally as Phil Doran. In high school, one of Philip's principal interests was world history and another was the Crescent City Jazz Club.

The vocal music department added the dimension of a boys "Triple Trio" this year. Mr. Fruehling established a "switchboard staff" wherein the fundamentals of proper telephone courtesy were drilled and checked before a student could become a telephone switchboard operator.

After turning away seventy-five applicants due to space limitations, the Crescent City Jazz Club increased its membership to sixty-five. The Booster Club also increased by fifty percent. The Russian Club was added to the total number of students involved in foreign languages. Hammond High could now boast of Miss Work's JCL (Latin) Club, Miss Reichl's German Club, Miss Kessing's French Club, Miss Restrepo's Spanish Club and now Mr. Newell's Russian Club with a grand total of 194 students participating in foreign language clubs.

New faculty members in the 1960-61 school year included Mr. Karl Deak, present wrestling coach; William Strater, present athletic director and baseball coach; and Miss Carol Fisher, English department Chairperson.

An "Aqua Club" had been formed previously but this year their number increased to ten. During the winter, they completed an exercise of "Ice Diving" at the Dolton Stone Quarry to show the extent of service they could perform when called upon.

A state cheerleading contest was held this year and the Hammond varsity team placed third among class A schools.

In boys swimming there were several first place winners in the conference meet and the tennis team won the NIHSC Championship. The basketball team improved with thirteen wins and seven losses in the season, losing the final game of the sectional by one point to Griffith. Ray Cross, a member of the team, is presently a teacher and coach at Eggers Middle School.

The high point of the year was the football team's capture of the Indiana State Championship with an undefeated season. They outscored their opponents 275 to 33 points. It was Terry Blummer who intercepted a pass and ran for the winning touchdown against Michigan City in the final game.



The class slogan, "There Will Never Be Another 1961" became true in more ways than just the passing of a year on a calendar.

## 1962

The 1962 DUNES took two themes: "Story of the Year" and "Spirit of Seventy Six." The editor was Jim Lowery and there were three associate editors. The president of the senior class was Tom Navta; the valedictorian was William Rosevear and the salutatorian was Gloria Waite. There were five Merit Scholarship winners in the class.

New faculty members included Mrs. Margaret Mertens, Miss Barbara Keene, Kathryn Harrold, Lois Chang, and former students Ed Burkhardt, James Qualkinbush, and Franklin Carroll.

This was also the year that Dr. Rapp was promoted to Assistant Superintendent and Hammond High welcomed another fine new principal, Dr. F. Kenneth Feuerbach. Dr. Feuerbach had been Superintendent of the Allen County schools before coming to Hammond High.

The band participated in the state contest winning first place for concert bands.

Pom Pon girls were a new addition to the marching band in 1961-62 and they inspired the fans at both football and basketball games. The vocal music programs featured songs from "The Sound of Music" and "There's a Song in the Air" at Christmas.

"Double Door" was the fall play and the senior play was "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

A first for the school was a Crescent City sponsored assembly with nationally famous Ira Sullivan with his quintet (now expanded to twelve musicians) to illustrate the development and history of jazz music. It was interesting, informative and most entertaining. Even Miss McGranahan said so. It was also expensive, costing the club well over \$1,000.

The debate team again won top honors at the state level and the Student Activities Club arranged for noon hour activities in room 5.

For two years now (since the 1960 class) a Homecoming Queen had been selected. In 1959-60 it was Georgiana Dase; in 1960-61 it was Nancy Reitz; and this year the Homecoming Queen was Kay Del Franklin who later became a teacher in the Hammond schools.

In girls athletics, the GAC presented a Water Regatta and for the first time, a state-wide GAC was organized and Hammond High became a charter member.

In boys swimming several individual records were set in the

conference meet by Hammond swimmers but they later lost the division title to Valparaiso.

The wrestling team under Coach Don Clark, reached the top this year winning the city championship well as the NIHSC Conference Championship. Two individual winners in state competition were Bob Haley and Don Mudd with Jim Nolting capturing an individual second in his respective weight class.

The tennis team won thirteen matches and lost only three while the track team won the city championship.

In basketball the team won twelve games but lost ten.

The varsity football team had lost many starters due to graduation but still had a 5-3-1 record against outstanding competition including the Anderson Indians, who defeated us 14 to 7. We also lost to the very strong Morton Governors.

#### 1963

The 1963 DUNES was dedicated to Dr. Rapp and the theme was "The Growth of the Family Tree of '63." The editor-in-chief was Bill Bower, the Association president was Jim Bagaloff and the president of the senior class was Del Kuchaes. The valedictorian was Oren Conway and the salutatorian was Twila Reed. The 1962-63 Homecoming Queen was Ann Lawther.

New faculty members in the 1962-63 school year included: Mr. Gene Swaim, presently Assistant Principal at Gavit Jr./Sr. High School; Miss Rita Grose; Miss Margaret Beckett (now Mrs. James E. McNabney, a teacher at Griffith High School); Miss Zelda Black; Mrs. Bridget Bodefelf; Mr. John Friend (now Director of Athletics at Purdue Calumet); Mr. Earl Fruehling; Mr. John Preston, present Principal of Munster High School; and Mr. Orlando "Gunner" Wyman.

With "An Evening in Paris" as its theme, the Prom was held at St. Thomas More Hall in Munster.

"The Ugly American" was the fall play and the senior play was "Spring Journey."

The vocal music department presented selections from "Music Man" and nine girls performed a beautiful ballet in the spring concert. Miss Waterbury deservedly became the School City Supervisor for Vocal Music this year.

A word of praise for many years of service to the Dramatic Club goes to Elizabeth Anderson and to Miss Schubkegel for their work behind the scenes on the stage designs for the many plays and auditorium



presentations by the Drama Club.

The band sponsored the appearance of the U.S. Navy Band this year and the Quill and Scroll Chapter was organized by Mr. Bolt. Mr. Moreton took over the Occupations Club and Mr. McLean became debate coach for 1963.

Mr. James Hill, Director of Guidance at Hammond High, announced seven National Merit Finalists. Former teacher Mr. "Herb" Thorsen, an Assistant Superintendent, announced plans for a new SCHOOL BOARD POLICY MANUAL and that Hammond High would pilot new science programs in physics and biology. These were called PSSC Physics and BSCS Biology.

The upper classmen went on one of the eight senior pilgrimage trips to Washington D.C. and New York or Williamsburg on which your author was one of the chaperones. Each trip had its highlights from both an academically educational standpoint and, shall we say, a socially educational viewpoint. One or two examples of the latter are in order.

One night on board the ship taking us on Chesapeake Bay from Old Point Comfort up to Washington, a ten o'clock curfew was imposed because the ship's lounge opened the bar and the gambling tables at ten p.m. Students were assigned staterooms each having a two-foot square port hole which opened from the inside and looked out upon the steel gangway four feet below.

The deck was too far down to sneak out the window head first, so shortly after curfew students began coming out their windows (portholes) feet first. Once a posterior was in view it was great fun for me to take a broom and go down each side of the ship whacking posteriors with the straw end of the broom. I'm not sure the students enjoyed it and but all of the students were surprised; and some were, would you believe, embarrassed. All of them quickly got back into their rooms.

Another of my many remembrances took place in a hotel in New York City. The problem was that the hotel management had housed girls from a private girls school in Albany, New York in the rooms directly across the hall from the rooms of the Hammond boys.

Being unable to control their girls, the two Albany chaperones had gone to their own room in complete resignation. The unchaperoned New York girls, for reasons I will not attempt to explain, kept opening their doors so that the Hammond boys were able to look across the hall at the girls in various stages of dress (or undress). It became necessary for me, the chaperone, to spend the entire night maintaining a vigil and going up and down the hall closing doors on both sides.

All things considered though, the chance to see Radio City, Williamsburg and the great beauty and culture of our nation's capitol made



the five day trip with little or no sleep a valuable educational experience for all of us.

Each year the stories from each Washington trip grew more distorted. Every group tried to top the other groups' stories. Unfortunately, each year also brought an increase in rule violations until the trips were, of necessity, discontinued.

During the 1962-63 school year over one hundred and fifty boys and two hundred girls were involved in physical education classes and new skill and achievement standards were developed for the classes.

The swim team won seven of eight meets and for the second consecutive year the wrestling team won the state championship paced by Dan and Dave Mudd who won individual honors.

The tennis team was undefeated this school year, winning eight matches and the NIHSC Crown.

The cross-country team had ten wins and one loss this season and the track team won the Hammond City Indoor Meet, the Hammond Relays and placed second in the Western Division of the NIHSC.

By mid-season, the baseball team coached by Mr. Bill Strater, won six while losing only to Morton. In this highly successful season, they eventually won the conference championship.

In basketball, Coach Wyman's "Cats" won twelve but lost ten games in the regular season.

Once again, the football team reached the impossible dream. Coach Kruger was named "Coach of the Year" of Indiana high schools and the team went undefeated in ten games capturing the state championship title. Delmar Kuchaes, Jack Smothers, Rich Sivulich, and Bill Enochs were named to the state All-Star Team. Hammond outscored their opponents 239 to 36, an outstanding achievement considering the competition. Julius Papais was still the most able of assistant coaches.

#### 1964

The leadership of the School City of Hammond changed hands again in 1964 when Dr. Joseph Hendrick became Superintendent. The leadership of the nation also changed hands as the result of the tragic assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The DUNES took the theme of "Reflections of Hammond High School 1963-64." The editor-in-chief of the '64 DUNES was Zandra Frailich. The HERALD celebrated its fortieth year of circulation by receiving an award in New York from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Sandy Levin, Editor-in-Chief, and Ken Heinemann, Business Manager of the

HERALD, accepted the award for the HERALD staff.

The Association president was Dave Brossart and the senior class president was Ken Lundquist, who was also the valedictorian. The salutatorian was Sue Yahnke and the Homecoming Queen was Bonnie Barkley.

The fall play was "Rossum's Universal Robots," and the senior play was "Turn Back the Clock." The boys in the chorus line did a dance for the Association auditorium session that brought down the house; in those female clothes and wigs they were a sight to remember.

The Top Kats Club, sponsored by Mr. Frank Carroll, was packing the buses for every athletic event held on the road and Miss Zelda Black, school nurse, took over the Future Nurses Club.

Clubs were still the backbone of all student activities and each year the students came through with new ideas and activities with the seniors actually teaching underclassmen the importance of accepting responsibility for future success.

Mr. August Schischka joined the faculty in the Commercial Department and sponsored the Business Occupations Club. Today he is the department chairman.

In athletics the freshmen were taking charge in basketball and won twelve of thirteen games. The varsity was trying to get on the winning track again with a record of twelve wins and ten losses including the Terre Haute tournament before sectional time. The Cats defeated Griffith but lost the sectional to Gary Tolleston.

Mr. Burdock coached the golf team to a 3-1 conference record at press time and the cross-country team compiled an outstanding record of eleven wins and one loss in dual meets and placed fourth in the state sectional. The swim team had a perfect season of ten wins and no losses under Coach Papais and won the Western Division of the NIHSC Conference. The tennis team won six and lost one match and also captured the NIHSC Championship.

Mr. Karl Deak took over as wrestling coach, and though the team had a .500 season, Dave Wilhelm set a record of nineteen wins and no losses and won the Conference and Sectional in the heavyweight class before suffering an injury which sidelined him for the remainder of the year and kept him out of the state finals.

The baseball team had a good year with their second conference championship; the basketball team wound up with a "12-10" season. The football team won eight games and tied Bishop Noll



for the division championship before losing to Elkhart in the playoff contest for the State Championship. The team was led by Prep All-American Quarterback, John Boyajian.

## 1965

"Alive in 65" was the theme of the 1965 DUNES and the co-editors-in-chief were Donnajean Slack and Lori Silverman. This was the ninth year that the Journalism III class had accepted the responsibility of producing the DUNES under Mr. A.T. Bolt and the DUNES staff.

The Association president was Jeff Davidson and the senior class president of a class of 465 was Robbie Austgen. In 1965 there were co-valedictorians: Steve Lynn and Shirley Kruit. The salutatorian was "Pat" Phillips. Miss Phillips was also awarded a one thousand dollar scholarship from her fellow students. The money was raised by a talent show sponsored by the Senior National Honor Society; I was privileged to be the sponsor of this group. The performers were outstanding and played to a standing-room-only audience in the HHS auditorium.

The Homecoming Queen was Jean Taliaferro; Homemaker of the Year was Nancy Smith, who won the National Contest for Home Economics Students. Miss Georgia Thiel was her teacher and the department chairperson.

National Merit Scholarship Finalists were Bill Blandford, Pat Phillips, Suzanne Pocter, Paula McCartin, and Shirley Kruit.

The fall play was "Cabbages"; the all-school play was "On Borrowed Time" and the senior play was "The Mouse That Roared."

The student-faculty basketball game was won by the students by two points even though it was rumored the officials had been bribed by the faculty. The faculty players learned that "crime doesn't pay" and that there is no substitute for youth where sports are concerned.

The prom theme was "Oriental Splendor." Finances and schedule conflicts brought the prom back to the Civic Center which was magically transformed into an oriental garden.

Many new teachers came to HHS in 1964-65, including Miss Hannon, John Shields, Jack Siatta and Ned Staley.

Mrs. Hall took over the debate team and a girls swim club was organized by Miss Grose.

In athletics the track team won both the Hammond and the Valpo Relays and the golf team won the conference. The swim team won second in the conference though their season was four wins and five losses. Senior Reed Mapes set both the conference and the state sectional record



in the 100 yard butterfly. The tennis team placed third in the conference and the cross-country team won second place in the state meet.

Coach Bill Strater's baseball team had won two straight conference championships and were on their way to making it three in a row.

Again, the wrestling team, under returning Coach Don Clark, won the conference. The football team had an impressive season of seven wins and only two losses. The basketball team started slow, ended fast and won the sectional defeating Lowell, Griffith, Clark and Tech before losing in the regional tournament to Gary Roosevelt.

The band was ninety-six members strong and their 1965 concert included Tchaikovsky's "Fourth Symphony." At Christmas they played "Sleigh Ride" and selections from "Sound of Music" with guest vocalist, Mrs. Vicki Peck, mother of band member, Nikki Peck.

#### 1966

The editor of the 1966 DUNES was Mary Eaton. The Association president was Ralph Hardesty and the senior class president was Bruce Mierman. Carolyn Smith was valedictorian and a National Merit Finalist. The salutatorian was Nikki Peck who was also a finalist in the Miss Teenage America Contest in Dallas.

The theme of the DUNES was "The Faces of Hammond High" and one of those "Faces" was Homecoming Queen Linda Sherry.

For sometime now, Mr. Fruehling and Miss G. Anderson had been administrative assistants or Deans in charge of discipline but no official School Board appointment of an Assistant Principal per se had been made after the retirement of Mr. R.G. Rupp.

In June, 1965 your author received the official appointment as Assistant Principal of Hammond High School from the School Board. I was immediately placed in charge of the North Central Evaluation that we were to undergo at HHS in February 1966. The staff and students responded most favorably and the visiting dignitaries from the North Central Association of Accredited High Schools and Colleges were highly pleased and impressed with Hammond High.

The spring of 1965 was the first year computers were used to develop student class schedules in Hammond. The computers were in Chicago, however, and we were accommodated by IBM in Chicago at 2:30 a.m. in order to obtain cheaper rates. Although we have made considerable improvement in computer scheduling since that time, we still feel repercussions occasionally.

The fall play was "Our Town" and the senior play was "The Perfect Idiot" and bore no resemblance to any student or graduate of HHS even

though it was a good comedy.

For the first time since 1959 the debate team qualified for the National Contest and again the vocal and instrumental music groups performed at many functions including the city-wide music festival.

Competitive gymnastics were added to the athletic department with new faculty member Robert Nicholson as gymnastics coach.

Among the new faculty members was former Hammond High student Barry Strong. Other new faculty members were Mrs. Mary Suttor, Tom Feeny, Herbert Wattam and Mrs. Nancy Turner.

The junior class counselor, Mr. Hightower, helped the class with the prom. The Civic Center was decorated in a Mardi Gras theme.

The wrestling team placed second to Gavit in the sectionals and the new track coach, Mr. Nicholson, had the team working out in deep snow to be ready for the season. The tennis team went undefeated and won the NIHSC Championship with Kip Thornton and Neal Kitchell as individual conference winners. The swim team had a "500" season, and the cross-country team had an impressive 11-4 record.

In girls athletics, the GAC added another life-saving course to the curriculum as well as a girls bowling team. The winning girls team in the GAC was the senior field hockey team of 1965-66.

In football, the team won five games, lost four and tied one. The basketball team, after a successful regular season, defeated Clark, Whiting and Morton to win the sectional championship. The Cats defeated Crown Point in the first game of the regional but lost the final game of the regional to East Chicago Washington.

## 1967

The editor-in-chief of the 1967 DUNES was Suellyn Hetrick and the theme was "Greatness... Not Just a Word." In this author's opinion, greatness was exemplified by Miss Olga Schubkegel who during the summer of 1966 was presented the "National Gallery of Art Award" by Lady Bird Johnson, the wife of the President of the United States, for her outstanding contributions to art and art education. Prior to her death on November 22, 1966, thousands of students of Hammond High School were served by Olga Schubkegel's dedication. The Expanded Arts Club raised funds for a memorial scholarship as in her name.

In one of Will Durant's seminars, I learned that "he is great who lifts you above the commonplace, whom you may alternately love or hate, but whom you can never forget. That is greatness."



One of Miss Schubkegel's former students with outstanding ability, Mr. Raymond Ball, was employed as the art teacher for Hammond High. Ray does a superb job of teaching art at Hammond High and his personal art work has received wide acclaim. While teaching at Hammond High, he won the New York Guggenheim Gallery Scholarship Award.

Other faculty changes included the addition of Mr. Fred Monberg as sophomore class counselor, Mr. August Schischka in the Commercial Department, and Mr. Robert Urick in the Math Department.

Administrative changes occurred when I was appointed Director of Personnel and later Assistant Suprintendent for the School City by the Board of School Trustees and when Mr. John Preston was named Assistant Principal at Hammond High at the beginning of the 1966-67 school year.

The Association president was Fred DeBoe and the senior class president was Terry Fischer. The valedictorian was Charlotte Redden and the salutatorian was Warren Hoemann. Charlotte Redden, Ph.D. with her husband, Kenneth Switzer and her friend Mary Turner, has recently published a U.S. Government textbook for Charles E. Merrill publishers.

National Merit Finalists were Dara Spivack and Gary Sauder. Dan Shulruff won the Regional Science Fair and went on to the San Francisco finals with his self-sustaining pacemaker exhibit. Nancy Burt won the Homemaker of Tomorrow Contest and the Homecoming Queen was Jan Gescheidler.

This was also a year of pranks. One Monday morning the teachers found the door knobs had been removed from every room in the school. The culprit of this door knob caper was never identified.

The band prepared for a stage show which they presented at Expo "67" in Montreal, Canada. Twelve band members each won a first place in state competition as did the Madrigal Singers and Chansonettes.

The speech department hosted nineteen schools at the annual N.F.L. speech meet and won third place.

Team teaching was begun in 1966-67 in the Social Studies Department and the Science Department initiated a science library. Forty-five percent of the students at Hammond High were involved in foreign language classes in 1966-67.

The all-school play was Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap," and the senior play (with three underclassmen) was "Cheaper By The Dozen."

In athletics the tennis team was undefeated for the second year and the cross-country team won third in the twenty-one school sectional. The track team was fifth in the conference and the 1966 baseball squad won eight bames but lost nine. The swim team finished third in the conference and the new Gymnastic Team won two of five meets.



In football, the team had a 4-5 record; the basketball team posted a 16-5 record before losing to Morton by three points in the opening game of the sectional.

### 1968

During the school year of 1967-68, tragedy struck the Hammond High School building. A \$750,000 fire that may have been the work of an arsonist engulfed the building. The official ruling was that the fire was of undetermined origin. The fire which was discovered on Wednesday evening, December 13, 1967 severely damaged the north and center sections forcing the closing of the building for most of the remainder of the school year.

In addition to 120 of Hammond's 185 firemen who fought the blaze for four and one-half hours, over sixty volunteer firemen from South Holland, Lansing, Munster, Whiting and Gary assisted in fighting the fire called "tragic" by Superintendent, Dr. O.L. Rapp. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

A sculpture dedicated to Miss Schubkegel by Mr. Clyde Ball, a cousin of Raymond Ball, and a painting of John F. Kennedy by Raymond Ball were miraculously saved. Except for some music instruments, little else in the way of equipment was saved.

After the fire, the spirit of the Hammond High School students really shined. They were determined to meet this challenge and rise above it. Once again, it was "Hammond High Against the World."

By scheduling classes from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Tech students and faculty generously sacrificed almost one half of a day so that Hammond High students could use the Tech facility from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Referring to the students of both schools Dr. Feuerbach said, "I've never seen such a wonderful spirit in a group of young people."

The School Board soon made the decision to renovate the present structure, and time has shown the wisdom of that decision. The building was eventually "greater, better and more beautiful" for future classes than it had been presented to the class of 1968. How appropriate were the words from the Hammond High School Pledge in this instance.

On April 8, 1968 the students returned to the building for most classes and somehow survived the noise and dust of the renovation that continued for four more years.

Mr. Don Moretton was appointed the Assistant Principal in 1967-68 when Mr. John Preston returned to graduate school. Mr. George Hall (present varsity football coach at Morton) and Mr. Leroy Harwell (present varsity basketball coach at HHS and a former student) joined the faculty in September of 1967. Miss Judy Richter also joined the faculty and

undertook sponsorship of the DUNES.

The theme of the 1968 DUNES was represented by seven interlocking circles showing the inter-related aspects of Hammond High or, "The Student and His World." The editor-in-chief was Peggy Spain. She and copy editor, Marcy Denmark, spent two weeks during the summer at Indiana University in Bloomington learning how to prepare their yearbook which won the All American Rating from the National Scholastic press Association.

Students attending summer school at Hammond High numbered 750 in 1968.

The president of the Association was Roger "Rocky" Reeder and the president of the senior class was Kirk Pinkerton. The valedictorian was John A Lambros, the salutatorian was Darrell Dippon, and the Homecoming Queen was Pat Veith. During half-time of homecoming, members of the 1942 football team were introduced.

Black student scholars receiving "National Achievement Scholarships for Outstanding Black Students" were Sherry Bryant, a finalist, and Adelene Mabry, a semi-finalist.

National Merit Scholarship Finalist was Barry Wheeler; Mary Stover won the John Phillip Sousa Award and the Indiana University Language Contest winners were Ruth Rattay and Tina Chintis.

Dave Soderquist (class of '68) is presently a teacher at the Community School for the School City of Hammond.

The all-school play was "The Silver Whistle" and the senior play was "Project: Peace Corps."

The Madrigals won first place in the district vocal music contest. The band played two concerts in Montreal, Canada for Expo '67" and they also played a concert for the dedication of the new Hammond Public Library.

A new Physical Fitness Club was established as was a Hammond High amateur Bowling Club.

The Folk 15 Club Singers had to cancel their planned program because of the 1967 fire, but sponsor Wayne Pecher kept the group singing and took his Chess Club to North Central High School in Indianapolis for the State Chess Tournament.

In athletics the track team won the Indiana Conference Championship and the cross-country team won the city championship. The "67" baseball team won the sectional and, though fire had destroyed their equipment, Mr. Strater fielded a 1968 team that won twelve games, lost five and tied



one gaining second in the conference.

Though the wrestling team did not fare too well, Coach Karl Deak, as the new varsity coach really worked on fundamentals for future success. The swim team won third place in the conference and the basketball team, under new head coach Hugh Dawson, began to jell at sectional time but lost to Munster in their second game of the sectional.

The gymnastic team finished sixth in the Crown Point Sectional and the tennis team captured its third consecutive conference championship.

In football, four boys were named to the Lake County All-Star Team after a season of seven victories and two defeats, a record which gave the team a share of the conference title. Jim Argus, Larry Noojin, Rick Stanford and Paul Melshen were named by coaches and sportswriters as award winners.

#### 1969

The School Board decision against a proposed merger with Clark in 1969 may have been influenced by the adopted motto of the students in 1968-69 to the words of "Keep HHS Alive with Pride."

Mr. Burdock was named Assistant Principal and joining the faculty this year were Mr. Jerry Janco and Mrs. Darlene Kucer. Mr. Bingamon and Mr. John Nichols had joined the faculty a few years earlier but an unfortunate car/train accident brought about the death of Mr. Nichols on December 18, 1968.

The "69" DUNES was edited by Patsy Kaply and the theme was "Kaleidoscope." The president of the Association was Bill McHie and the senior class president was Dave Schmueser. Dave was also co-valedictorian with Charles Haley. A National Merit Scholarship Finalist was Doug Dodge. Hammond High was represented on national television by Gus Hawkins, Terry Taylor and Charles Haley on the NBC show, "It's Academic."

The Homecoming Queen was Lynda Perkins and Joanne Masepohl won the Arion Band Award which replaced the John Phillip Sousa Award.

Revision of the Journalism I course was completed, making it a viable English course substitute. Afro-American History was introduced into the curriculum, and a new Human Relations Club was formed and presented an auditorium session during Brotherhood Week.

The vocal music department was still presenting outstanding holiday season concerts in the spring and winter periods under Miss Nancy Jacobs and the instrumental music department reinstated a beginning and an intermediate band. The band also gave concerts at middle schools to interest students in instrumental music.



The all-school play was the re-enactment of the Scopes Monkey Trial, "Inherit the Wind," while the senior play was "The Family Man."

The PTA, the Adult Booster Club and the Band Parents combined on a fund raising drive that continued through the year.

HHS students entered into an activities exchange program with West Lafayette High School and the Hammond TIMES acknowledged HERALD editor Dean Leonakis as outstanding high school journalist.

The sponsorship of the Debate Team was undertaken by Mr. Lawrence "Larry", sometimes called "Alan", Lundgren and the team won three affirmatives while losing one and qualified four members of the speech team for the Regional Forensic Association Tournament.

In athletics the netmen won their fourth consecutive conference championship under coach Hugh Dawson while the track team, under new coach Bob Jackson, won the Indoor Conference Meet and the city meet setting five city records in the process and becoming Co-Conference Champions.

The GAC entered interscholastic competition with regional schools and had entries in the state track meet in three events.

The boys baseball team under Coach Strater captured both the sectional and the regional but fell to East Gary 1 to 0 in the semi-state contest.

Mr. Bingamon's golf team won fourteen matches and lost eight while the new sport of soccer was introduced at HHS by Coach Frank Carroll. The soccer team won four out of five matches their first year.

The wrestling team continued to improve and expanded their schedule to fourteen meets of which they won six, while the swim team won six of eleven meets.

The basketball team came up with a .600 season but lost to Munster in the sectional opener. The football team captured the city championship with a 6-3-1 season, the tie coming against Morton.

A word regarding Bodie's photographer, Mr. Harry Dudzik, is in order. His outstanding photography was very instrumental in helping the DUNES to secure national recognition in 1968 and 1969 as a superior high school yearbook publication. Mr. Dudzik has given of his time and talent far beyond what he has been paid in order to serve the Hammond High students to the best of his ability. He is still taking pictures for the yearbooks of all the high schools in Hammond.

1970

Changes occurred at HHS in the 1969-70 school year. Mrs. Margaret Mertens became Chairperson of the English Department, Mr. James Soderquist became Chairperson of the Social Studies Department and Wayne Pecher was appointed Chairperson of the Math Department.

Dr. Rapp retired as Superintendent, and Miss Cunningham, who had retired from Hammond High with Miss Emily Johnson, passed away in November. Mr. "Jim" Charles Garrett retired and moved to Florida and has since passed away.

Mr. Frank Gradisher, at present a teacher of mathematics, joined the faculty this school year as did Mr. Tom Zasada (present football coach), Mrs. Anna Urick, Mr. Garland Jennings, and Mr. Marion Pais (vocal music director). In 1983-84 Mr. Pais returned to Hammond High as instrumental music director after serving at Eggers Middle School.

The editor of the 1970 DUNES was Bonnie Frevert and the theme was "Selecting Sights and Sounds of '70." Like the "69" DUNES, it won the "All American Award."

The Association president was Max Anderson and the president of the senior class was Don Johnson. The valedictorian was Lee Anne Myers and the salutatorian was LaVonne King. The Arion Music Award was won by Dennis Wagner. The National Merit Finalists were Don Johnsen and LaVonne King. The Homemaker of Tomorrow Award went to April Williams.

The Association pioneered all high schools in the area in securing the abolition of the existing dress code.

A new Radio Club and a new Stamp Club were formed under Mr. Jennings and Mr. Jerry Janco, respectively. A new Rock Music Club was also formed, but the sponsor was not indicated in the 1970 DUNES.

The all-school play was "Rest Assured" and the senior play was, "Flowers For Algernon." Mr. Jennings was the director.

The Homecoming Queen was Marie "Mimi" Safin. The theme of the prom was "Under the Sweetheart Tree."

Mr. Monberg offered a new Career Guidance Service with cassette tapes of former HHS students talking about their occupations.

For the first time in many years, a lack of interest caused the Business Law class to be dropped from the curriculum; however, twenty-six boys signed up for an all-male cooking class, which turned out to be interesting but a lot of work.



The band traveled to Chicago, to Indianapolis and to Detroit performing in concerts and contests and getting a first class rating in the state contest. Mr. Qualkinbush also formed a seventeen piece stage or dance band which gained popularity throughout the city. The Concert Choir, under Mr. Pais, gave a television concert on Channel 50 during the Christmas season.

The golf team and the cross-country team won the Lake Shore Conference; the soccer team had a 3-4-1 record and the baseball team had a rough year. The swim team placed sixth in the sectional; the wrestling team placed eighth. The tennis team was undefeated (9-0), winning their fifth successive conference championship.

In basketball, the team had a losing season but played and fought hard all season; the football team posted a 4-4-2 record.

### 1971

The 1970-71 school year began late because of a teacher strike. Although, as Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, I was the administration's Chief Negotiator on the team, the settlement was not made by the negotiating team. The lesson practiced was proof of the saying that integrity is at times extremely costly but is a luxury worth maintaining at any cost. The chief negotiator was made Director of Research, Testing, Program Evaluation and Guidance, the title I still hold.

The 1971 DUNES editor-in-chief was Mary Leas, the Association president was Don Creasbaum and the senior class president was Richard Kitchell. The valedictorian was Debbie Terry, the salutatorian was Nancy Conway, and the Homecoming Queen was Karen Walker. The "Most Valuable Athlete" was Roland Parrish and Louisa Hurt was the "Homemaker of Tomorrow."

National Merit Scholarship winners were John Steele and Henry McAllister. There were also five Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Board.

Among new faculty members this year were: Mr. Richard Barr, head basketball coach; Mrs. "Jackie" Buss, choral director; and Mr. "Marti" Stiglitz, drama director.

Mr. Mark Panton became the sponsor of the Human Relations Club and a United Nations Student Association was formed to work for UNICEF.

An interesting "Student Establishment" was also formed and sponsored by Mrs. Emanda Jones.

The prom theme was "A Time For Us"; the fall play was "Meet Me in St. Louis"; and a children's theatre troupe was formed and presented "Winnie The Pooh" and "The Wizard of Oz." The senior play was "Up the



Down Staircase."

The HERALD and the DUNES of 1971 each received "All American" ratings from the National Scholastic Press Association and the National School Yearbook Association respectively.

Mrs. Buss and 171 students in vocal music presented the Christmas Vespers. The band, playing Tchaikovsky's "Finale From Symphony in F Minor, No. 4," won first place over twenty-two competing bands at the state contest.

The number of Pom Pon girls had grown to twenty-seven. A Dixieland Band was formed. The 1970 varsity track team was a difficult act to follow but the 1971 team equaled it by winning the conference. The baseball team won the sectionals in 1971 but lost to East Chicago Washington in the regionals. The wrestling team, with seven returning veterans, won eight out of ten meets and won third in the sectional and second in the Lake Shore Conference.

Under Coach Dick Barr, the basketball team had a record of 8-13, playing five of the top twenty teams in the state. The swim team reached sixth in the sectional and the tennis team was undefeated winning its sixth city and conference championships in regular season play. The cross-country team won the city and the conference meet and Roland Parrish won the state championship in the 880 yard run receiving the Hinshaw Award as the Best Track Athlete in the State of Indiana.

The football team had to play all their home games at one of the other high school fields because there were no field lights as yet at HHS. They still posted a seven won, three lost record.

The Scherwood Club was the site of the 1971 prom and the theme was, "Just My Imagination."

## 1972

The 1972 DUNES won the fourth straight All American Rating from the National Scholastic Press Association. The editor was Colleen Conley.

The Association president was Orest Szewciw and the president of the senior class was Dave Smith. The valedictorian was Dan Gostylo and the salutatorian was Marlene Reich. Some of the new faculty members were Mr. Jeff Stoddard, Mr. Dan Candiano, and Mr. John George.

For some years now, Mrs. Janice Montgomery had been Department Chairperson in Foreign Language and moved the department forward using a new foreign language laboratory to its greatest advantage.

The Homecoming Queen was Candi Polovina. John C. Kovach was a National Merit Finalist. The Arion Band Award was given to Kay Futrell who also gained a first place in the state clarinet solo contest. The National Mathematics Test winner was Bill Stygar and Robin Phillips was named Betty Crocker Homemaker of the Year.

Construction and remodeling forced the band, Mr. Binkert's World History classes and Mr. Panton's classes to meet in the Civic Center.

The drama department presented its play "Alice" at Edison School and at Thornton Fractional North in Calumet City. The "Theater for Children" was a great success.

The 1972 prom theme was "Maybe Tomorrow" and it was held at the After Four Dinner Club in Cedar Lake. A number of students circulated a petition to abolish the prom but they were not successful.

Although the UICSM (University of Illinois Course of Study in Math) class was continued, Latin was dropped from the curriculum. This was the first time in eighty-seven years that Latin was not offered in the HHS curriculum. A Family Living Class was added to the curriculum under Miss Georgia Thiel in the Home Economics Department.

Because of construction and remodeling, the vocal music department presented the Christmas Vespers in the newly constructed gym. Although Mrs. Buss broke her wrist the night before the performance, her student teacher, Mr. Mike Sommers, carried on like a true professional. The choir also sang on Channel 11's Sunday Evening Club television show. Six of the vocal ensemble groups also performed for many civic and social functions.

Many instrumental music players were entered in the state solo and ensemble contest, gaining first place in their respective groups. The cheerleaders attended summer camp at Vincennes University and competed in the Indiana State Fair Competition.

In athletics the track team retained the Lake Shore Conference Title with a 10-4 record and was second of seventeen teams in the sectional. The "Harriers" in cross-country also won the conference under Coach Dan Candiano.

After thirty-one successful years of teaching and coaching track at Hammond High, Mr. Wonsowitz traded coaching and education for the relaxation of retirement. Today "Whitey" lives nearby in the Glen Park Addition of Gary.

After a very successful season, the wrestling team presented Mr. Deak with a sectional championship. The 1972 golf team had an 11-5 record and because of construction the soccer and baseball teams had to play their games elsewhere.



In basketball, the team had a rough 7-14 record and lost to Clark by two points in the first game of the sectional. The football team had a 7-2 record, taking second in the conference.

### 1973

The 1973 DUNES editor was Tracy Plowman and the new DUNES sponsor was Mr. Bill Slivka. The Association president and salutatorian was Bill Gostylo, the valedictorian was Elizabeth Taliaferro, and the president of the senior class was Joe Markovich.

The Homecoming Queen was Elizabeth Yusi. The prom theme was "Dancing in the Moonlight" and the prom was held at St. Constantine Hall.

Among the new faculty members was Mrs. Florence Kvarta the school nurse. At the present time Florence is the Director of Nursing for all schools in the School City. Mr. Robert Dennis also joined the faculty in the department of social studies and Miss Restrepo returned to the Language Department after a year of graduate study. In January of 1973, Mrs. Karen Hanson Baumann joined the faculty in the art department.

The years of construction inconvenience were over at last. It was wonderful to have the building fully utilized.

Electronic calculators were added to the business department. Photography, a potters wheel and ceramics were added to the art department as was instruction in jewelry making, weaving and plaster work. Russian was dropped from the curriculum along with the UICSM math as a special course.

The Spanish Club sent money to the earthquake victims in Nicaragua. Many journalists, debators, pom pon girls, cheerleaders, and social studies and language students got the chance to attend summer institutes in their areas of interest at nearby universities.

The "Hammond High Follies" was the social event of the year and the new format of advertising adopted by the DUNES put students in touch with community merchants as never before.

The Adult Booster Club, under president Mr. Clifford Harrison, and PTSA president Mrs. Esther Stern, first vice-president Mrs. Crystal Redden and Band Parent president Mr. John Van Natta, assisted in raising money for school equipment in the newly remodeled facility.

Martin Luther King Day was observed in the first auditorium session in the newly remodeled auditorium.

In music the band traveled to Elkhart for state competition and a girls "Sweet Adeline" singing group was tops. "Hats Off to Spring" was the name of the spring vocal music concert and it featured ten different



singing groups.

A new Ecology Club was formed this year sponsored by the science department.

In athletics the high point was the cross-country performance of sophomore Carry Pinkowski and freshman Rudy Chapa. Senior Dennis Cordell and Chapa broke school records as the cross-country team won the conference and then set a new state record of 9:42 for the two mile run.

The GAC mermaids were performing well and sophomore Sue Rogan became the first girl in the state of Indiana to win a school varsity letter. Sue was inducted into the H-Men's Club at HHS.

The 1973 baseball team record of 12-17 did not depict the ability of the team this year; bad breaks cost the team several wins.

Senior wrestler Clay Campbell had an undefeated wrestling season and won a first in the conference and a fourth in the state meet in his weight class.

Though they lost the sectional, the tennis team shut out all but two teams and won its eighth straight conference title.

After an 18-7 season, the basketball team under Coach Barr won the sectional and the first game of the regional after an 18-7 season.

In football Mr. "Bernie" Krueger retired from coaching after eighteen years as head coach. He later became Assistant Principal. Backfield coach, Mr. Julius Papais also retired after twenty-nine years as assistant football coach at the end of a successful season of seven wins and two losses.

Miss Alice Bollin, who taught mathematics, retired after thirty years with the School City of Hammond.

#### 1974

The editor of the 1974 DUNES was Colleen Newsome, the Association president was Paul Markovich, and the Homecoming Queen was Patricia Markovich.

The senior class president was Sue Mrache, the first girl to be elected to this position.

The valedictorian was Carol Berg and the salutatorian was Jim Gostylo.

Mr. Ron Galosich and Mr. Tom Zasada in social studies and Mrs. Mary Ann Molchan in counseling joined the faculty this 1973-74 school year.

A new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Wayne Carle, was appointed this year and praised the work at Hammond High.

Carol Swetky, David Mauer and Ellen Hildebrant were National Merit Scholarship finalists. Achieving the highest score nationally on the General Mills Test, Carol Swetky won the award of Homemaker of Tomorrow.

Another NCA evaluation was in store for Hammond High and another commendation was received from the NCA committee on an outstanding school.

The National Mathematics Exam winners were Ellen Hildebrandt, Karen Mulholland and Mike Ullrich.

The Thespians performed "Sleeping Beauty," 175 students joined in the production of the "Stigfield Follies," which was written and produced by Mr. Stiglitz and Mrs. Buss.

Mr. Les "Skip" DeCamp was presented an award for his years of service as a trainer and booster of HHS athletic teams.

The Pom Kats drill team was a fine addition to the band and their "half-time" shows were well received.

In athletics the GAC program was now involved in interscholastic competition in basketball, volleyball and track. Girls athletics were now on an equal footing with boys athletics.

The boys track team completed a winning season and Rudy Chapa, who broke the state freshman record as a freshman, now led the team to second place in the sectional.

Carry Pinkowski took first place in the state mile run, becoming the first miler in HHS track history to do so. Rudy Chapa won the state two-mile run.

The baseball team surpassed the .500 mark, and the swim team and wrestling team each won second place in the conference.

Coach Leroy Harwell and his golf team won seventeen while losing eight matches and set a team course record at Wicker Park.

The soccer team under Mr. Carroll won the conference for Hammond's first conference win in soccer.

For the ninth straight year under Mr. Dawson's direction, the tennis team won the conference championship.

The basketball team had a tremendous season of twenty-three wins

and two losses. They went on to win the sectional and the first game of the regional before falling to Gary West Side. Rich Valavicius, Ron Mercer, Brian Banks, and Larry Moore were named to the All-Sectional/Regional Team.

In football, under new head coach George Hall, the team had a season of seven wins and three losses.

#### 1975

The 1975 DUNES co-editors were juniors Debbie Sokol and Cindy Adams. The theme was "Hammond High is a Microcosm." For the first time in history, the Association president was also a junior - Jack Schlesinger. The president of the senior class and salutatorian was Steve Weiland who won the Bausch and Lomb Science Award. The valedictorian was Claire Ventimiglia.

National Merit Scholarship winners were Bill Lawvere, Steve Weiland, Steve Cornwell and Bob Morrison. The Homemaker Award went to Tina Tipton.

The Homecoming Queen was Sue Creasbaum (now Mrs. Sue Hurd) who works in the purchasing department for the School City.

The fall play was "Labors of Love" under the direction of Mrs. Mary Robison who joined the faculty this year when Mr. Marti Stiglitz was granted a leave of absence to return to school.

When Assistant Principal, Mr. Dennis Burdock was asked to assume the principalship of Clark High School, Mr. Mike Hriso was named Assistant Principal of HHS. Mr. Ron Galosich, who had joined the faculty in 1974 became the Association sponsor.

This year the prom theme was "Precious Moments" and the prom was held at the After Four Club in Cedar Lake.

A new stage band played for many events, and the vocal music department presented a Christmas Eve concert this school year.

The math department purchased their own computer, another first at Hammond High, and Mr. Strater started a new Baseball Club to help boost the spirit and back the team.

Long-time cafeteria worker Mrs. Marion Dobrzynski retired and Mrs. Jo Ann O'Rourke joined Mrs. Vance, Mrs. Toren, Mrs. Hensley and Mrs. Pawenski on the clerical staff.

In athletics the highlight again was Rudy Chapa, who broke his own state record with a time of 8:57 for two miles in state competition. This record still stands. The cross-country team was undefeated. Although the



soccer team had lost the championship to Morton in 1974, this year they defeated Morton and ended up with a 6-5 record.

After nine consecutive championships, the tennis team lost the conference this year. The team record was 4 and 6 and proves that one can't stay on top forever; however, this tennis record is as yet unsurpassed. The swim team finished third in the conference, and the golf team shared the conference title with Bishop Noll.

The wrestling team hosted a fifteen team invitational and was 5-3 in conference matches.

The basketball team provided another highlight. They posted nineteen wins against one loss and were ranked number one in the state by the Associated Press. They won the conference. Banks, Valavicius and Randall ranked in the top twenty in scoring in the state. They won the third straight sectional crown but lost the final game of the regionals to Gray Emerson by one point - 72 to 71.

The football team was plagued by injuries and ended the season with three wins and seven losses.

#### 1976

The 1976 DUNES honored the bicentennial of the nation. The editor-in-chief was Christine Carras and the president of the Association was Bill Brahos. The Association float in the Hammond Christmas parade portrayed George Washington crossing the Delaware. The president of the senior class was Dennis Jarrett. The class valedictorian, National Merit Finalist, and Homemaker of the Year Award winner was Suzee Gostylo. The salutatorian was Debbie Sokol.

The Homecoming Queen was Gail Hilbrich. The DAR Citizenship Award went to a male - Rudy Chapa, who was also named Athlete of the Year.

Mrs. Judith Williamson, Mrs. Wendy Candiano and Mrs. Mary Lacy joined the faculty. The school system also got another new superintendent - Dr. Willard Congreve. Mr. Bernie Krueger became a member of the HHS administrative team as a second Assistant Principal serving with Mr. Hriso and Dr. Feuerbach.

The three productions by the drama department were "Scream in the Dark," "Who Dunit," and "The Death and Life of Sneaky Fitch."

The 1976 prom theme was "A Time for Us" and was held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Merrillville.

Foreign language, math, and science institutes at Indiana University, Indiana State University, and Rose Hulman Institute were inviting top

students for summer advanced study. Many Hammond High students were privileged to attend.

A "Classical Music Club" was organized in 1975-76 sponsored by Mr. Urick.

Although the varsity football team had a .500 season, the freshman team under Coach John George was undefeated.

In basketball the girls team had a 1-9 record, while the boys had an 8-12 regular season record under new coach Mr. Leroy Harwell.

The track team and the cross-country team won the conference with Rudy Chapa gaining national recognition.

The golf team coached by Mr. James Ruf placed second in the conference and the wrestling team won the conference with an 8-2 record. The "Catfish" tied for first in the conference and took second in the sectional under coach Bob Dennis. The boys tennis team had a 7-3 record for a second in the conference. The girls tennis team also under Coach Dawson had a record of 1-4 in their first season of girls interscholastic tennis.

The baseball team won twenty-one of twenty-seven games to capture the conference trophy.

#### 1977

The editor-in-chief of the 1977 DUNES was Jane Aubruner and for the first time in Hammond High's history, a female junior class representative became president of the Association. This distinction belongs to Ruth Schlesinger. The Association sponsor in 1976-77 was Tom Schwartz.

The president of the senior class was Scott Cornell. The valedictorian was David Scott and co-salutatorians were Jane Aubruner and Tim Sporer. The Homecoming Queen was Beatriz Chapa.

New to the faculty in 1976-77 were Mr. James Brown, Mr. Daniel Luncsford, and Mrs. Rosalee Williams.

The drama department presented "Barefoot in the Park" and an evening of one act plays including "The Cop on the Corner," "So Wonderful in White," "The Little Heir," and "While Shakespeare Slept."

The winter formal, sponsored by the Association, was held on December 18, 1976 at the Fireside Chalet in Glenwood, Illinois.

Mr. Qualkinbush developed a stage band second to none and the U.S. Army Jazz Band played for an auditorium session.



Like the choral groups, the band and stage band performed for many functions including a stage band concert between acts of a bicentennial play at the Masonic Temple in Hammond.

"Contemporary Issues" became a part of the social studies curriculum.

In athletics HHS saw the end of "the Chapa" era in cross-country and track, and a new coach, Mr. Bob Stevens, took over the team.

The Trackettes under Coach Mary Aaron had a season of one win and three losses, while girls volleyball under Coach Sherry Williams posted a 2-10 record. The girls tennis team had a winning 5-3 record.

In wrestling the team won the sectional and conference championships. The girls basketball team had a 2-9 season, and the boys basketball team after a poor 2-18 record placed second over Clark and Gavit in the sectional. The swim team won second place in the conference and sectional. The football team under Coach Hall had a .500 season.

Mr. Robert King retired at the end of the 1976-77 school year. Mr. King is representative of many wonderful teachers who are retired from HHS. Much could be written about the influence and contributions to students, parents and the community made by each of them but Coach Bob King, "Mr. Basketball," is one of the best examples of all that is great in education.

For thirty-five years he was always able to bring out the best in everyone with whom he came in contact. By example, he taught a great deal about personal responsibility, respect and love of life and of our fellow man. Bob's ability to outwardly maintain his composure in the most frustrating and trying circumstances before the hundreds of screaming and yelling sports enthusiasts in the stands is a lesson for us all.

Few know the amount of mental and physical stress that education places upon an individual throughout thirty-five years of constant self sacrifice. There were moments of glory and many happy times both in teaching and coaching for Mr. King. Bob also had Mary, his fine wife, to help maintain an enviable equilibrium. Mr. King was and still is a gentleman; he is continuously considerate. His record of ten sectionals, six regionals, and one semi-state championship, as well as a record of 277 wins against 125 losses, resulted in his well-deserved induction into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

Mr. King truly represents most Hammond High School teachers. Their careers and accomplishments also exemplify great character, devotion and leadership.



## 1978

In 1977-78 Mr. William Gilkey came to Hammond as an assistant principal at Hammond High. He replaced Mr. Krueger who moved to Lake Central High School to become the principal. Mr. John Slater became a member of the Hammond High faculty this year.

Co-editors of the 1978 DUNES were Marc Sokol and Jim Whitfield. The Association president was Debbie Duncanson under the sponsorship of Mrs. Thelma Rice who taught in the Special Education Department. Mark Powers was president of the senior class.

For the first time in the history of the school a brother and sister team took top scholastic honors in the same graduating class. The valedictorian was Jim Kovach, and Kay Kovach was salutatorian. The Homecoming Queen was Karen McCoy, and the senior float "Shoot For the Stars" won first place in the homecoming parade.

The Association sponsored a most successful "Winter Formal" held in Merrillville with music provided by "Stonewood Fox."

The prom theme was "Always and Forever."

The fall play was, "The Mouse That Roared" and the spring play was, "The Hobbit."

Mr. Charles Sizemore, for some years now an excellent chemistry teacher at HHS, received national recognition for his work as an artist. Painting is his hobby and he certainly does it well.

An organization of girls was formed to help coaches keep team statistics; they were called the "Stat Keepers."

The annual Vespers Concert plus appearances on radio and television kept the vocal music department, under Mrs. Buss, in the limelight of school and community affairs. The band continued to perform with excellence.

The debaters entered many contests and hosted two major tournaments. Ron Ramos was named state champion in the House Division of Indiana State Forensic Association.

In athletics the baseball team had a winning season of 16-13. Again this year the track team, who had won the sectional and regional in 1977, had outstanding men in Jesse Dilbeck, sectional and regional champ in high hurdles; Lee Frank, conference and sectional champ in 100 and 200 yard dashes; and Greg Klein, conference champ in the two mile run.

In girls track the team won three of five meets.

Chris Morfas tied the school course record in a golf season of 15 wins and 14 losses. The soccer team had five wins, three ties and four losses in 1977, but their 1978 record was 4-4 in regular season play and 2-1 in tournament play.

The wrestling team compiled an 8-0 record, capturing the Lake Shore Conference Title. In basketball the girls team recorded three wins and nine losses but advanced to the final game of the sectional.

In boys basketball the record was 13-8, while the swim team had seven wins and five losses.

The football team piled up a 9-1 record with a 7-0 record in Conference play to win the championship.

#### 1979

The editor-in-chief of the 1979 DUNES was Jim Mazur and the theme was "Making It Happen in the Year of the Cat."

Many new teachers joined the Hammond High staff in this 1978-79 school year. Among them were Mr. Patrick O'Rourke, Mrs. Gail Lemon, Mrs. Sylvia Rapp, Mrs. Mary Jones, Mrs. Ida Brown, Mr. James Brown; and a new assistant principal, Miss Elizabeth Ennis, replaced Mr. Gilkey who became principal of Eggers Middle School.

The president of the senior class was Toni Siedentopf; the Association president was James Lewis. Co-valedictorians were Sue Chintis and Pam Orr; the salutatorian was Carleen Pratt. The Homecoming Queen was Kelly Kelley.

Mardi Gras returned to HHS this year and because of a tremendous snow storm, school was cancelled for three days (January 15, 16, 17) which forced a postponement of the "Winter Formal" later held at the Condesa Del Mar.

The two plays presented by Mrs. Robison and the drama students with help from Mrs. Karen Baumann and the Art Club were "The Odd Couple" and "A Thurber Carnival."

The Drill Team and Pom Kats were performing with the band in parades and at half-time during sports events.

The great traditions of the vocal music department continued with beautiful Christmas and spring vesper concerts under the direction of Mrs. Jackie Buss.

In athletics the 1979 baseball team won fourteen games and lost eight. The soccer team won five, tied two and lost three.



Girls track improved with a 5-3 record, and the boys won the Lake Shore Conference and placed second in the sectionals. In golf the team won eleven matches and lost five; in tennis the boys earned second place in the conference with their 6-2 season. In girls tennis the record was 4-4. The 1978-79 swim team placed second in the conference with two state qualifiers - Todd Gregeriet and junior Ray Jovanovich.

For the first time in many years, the wrestling team was undefeated with Ed Marks as an individual conference winner. The team also had six individual sectional title winners.

In girls basketball the record was 3-11 plus one win by forfeit. Their volleyball record was 5-13. The boys basketball record was 16-3 in the regular season with two of the three losses by only one point. The team went on to win the sectional and bring another conference championship to Hammond High School basketball.

The football team with nineteen consecutive victories and an undefeated regular season came up short in the state semi-finals game against Fort Wayne Northrup.

#### 1980

The editor-in-chief of the 1980 DUNES was John Lauer; the Association president was Bill Markovich, the president of the senior class was Ray Jovanovich and the Homecoming Queen was Kathy Merch. The 1980 prom theme was "A Touch of Class" and the prom was held in Hobart.

Three tragic deaths affecting Hammond High School occurred during the 1979-80 school year. Superintendent Congreve died of cancer; student Greg Runyon was the victim of a senseless shooting; and George Carpenter, a member of the football team, died after collapsing during the half-time of the football game against Griffith.

Dr. Frank Sanders was selected as the new Superintendent of Schools and as of this writing, has announced his retirement effective August, 1984. A new superintendent will not be announced before this chronicle goes to press.

The traditions of Hammond High School continued.

The valedictorian in the 1980 class was Julie Kutchin and the salutatorian was Bob Gilbertsen.

The fall play was "Arsenic and Old Lace." The vocal music department lost its superb director, Mrs. Buss, who is now working with younger groups in the school system. Mr. Michael Sommers, who had been a student teacher under Mrs. Buss, joined the faculty. For the first time The HERALD carried reviews of concerts, musicals, and stage plays as a



regular feature.

The track team won the conference and Mark Murakowski won the state championship in the shot put and the discus. The baseball team tied for the conference championship and after a 16-10 record won second in the sectional.

Girls tennis improved greatly. The girls posted a 6-1 season while the boys won seven matches and lost one. In soccer the record was 2-7 but the golf team posted a .500 season.

In wrestling the team again won the conference winning nine matches, losing none and tying one. The swim team won six but lost six. In basketball the boys had a 15-5 season, but lost the final game of the sectional to Gary Andrean. The girls basketball team recorded a 12-3 season.

In football the team's record was 9-1 with their only loss at the hands of Lake Central in the opening game of the season. They were undefeated for the remainder of the season and went on to win the conference.

#### 1981

The editor-in-chief of the 1981 DUNES was James M. Eliou and the theme of the DUNES was "Unleashing the Spirit." The Association president was Ede Warner and the senior class president was Sarah Davies.

There were co-valedictorians and co-salutatorians in the 1981 class - another first for Hammond High. The co-valedictorians were Sandra Therese Ventimiglia and Frank Stur. The co-salutatorians were Roxanne Lynn Berry and Greg Pouch. The Homecoming Queen was Bernadette Garza.

The emphasis in the DUNES was on entertainment in the 80's and releasing the spirit through music. The new wave of "Punk Rock" was sweeping across the country and the DUNES listed the favorite rock groups: "Reggae and Ska," the English rhythm and blues group, and the "Clash." Even some country and western singers were listed. The yearbook also posted the best music record, favorite albums, favorite songs, actors, movies, actresses, television shows, and singers.

Teachers new to HHS this year included Ms. Zlatana Draskovich, Mr. Michael Pramuk, Mr. Robert Schneider and Mrs. Berna Thomas. Mr. Gardest Gillespie who had been teaching practical arts for many years, had a very popular woodshop.

Mr. Cassel White joined the staff as assistant principal for Mr. Hriso who became principal of Spohn Elementary/Middle School.

"The Curious Savage" and "You Can't Take It With You" were the fall and spring drama presentations.

The winter formal was held on January 31, 1981 at St. Michael's Hall and the latest in "rock and pop" music was supplied by "Starbound", a top rock group.

The prom, on the other hand, was another story. It was held on May 23, 1981 at the Helena Cultural Center in Merrillville and attendance was much greater than anticipated. "There were not enough seats or tables and there was a forty-five minute wait to have a picture taken." The band "sounded like Lawrence Welk trying to play disco" but the food was good. Therefore, the hall was virtually empty during the last hour of the prom (though post prom parties probably contributed to this sad ending).

A change was made this year in the time scheduled for clubs to meet. The new 2:30 p.m. meeting time was considered by many students to be after school. The result was a loss of membership in the twenty-nine active clubs and the elimination of some of the clubs. Interest in co-curricular activities and in instrumental music also began to decline severely.

The Pom Kats continued to hold the interest of students and spectators at half-time shows, and although the theme "Unleashing the Spirit" was intended to raise the interest level, the "spirit" seemed to move students to pursuits outside the activities of the school.

For some years a number of students had preferred to sign on as teacher aides or assistants rather than be scheduled for a study hall. Eventually most of the study halls were abolished because of poor attendance, poor student attitude toward study hall and/or the competition created by the opportunity to serve as teacher aides, office assistants or in the work study programs.

In athletics Hammond High won the Conference All-Sports Trophy for the nineteenth straight year. This has to be a record that in all probability will never be surpassed.

The football team again opened the season against Lake Central, but this year the Wildcats were the winners. The team went on to another NIHSC Conference title and another undefeated regular season.

In baseball the team gave Mr. Strater his 300th win as a Hammond High baseball coach. This was a tribute to his many years of hard work and extra hours of working with young men in sports. Mr. Strater's kind of dedication is what has made Hammond High a great school. Although the season was not great, the 5 to 2 win over Lew Wallace was one that will not be forgotten by Mr. Strater and the 1981 team.

In soccer the team record for the season was 2-9 with one tie. The



girls tennis team had a 4-4 record. The swim team with eighteen new members and only five returning veterans really worked hard; they held two workouts each day including Saturdays and vacations. The girls volleyball team ended the season with a record of nine wins against thirteen losses.

Under Coach Brown, the track team won the conference and the sectional.

The wrestling team had a winning season of 7-3 with individual successes too numerous to mention.

The golf team won three and lost eleven matches.

The boys tennis team won seven matches, losing only one. In basketball the girls team won the sectional and the regional after defeating Merrillville. The regional was a first for girls at Hammond High School.

The boys basketball team played well all season but the numbers in the stands were not representative of a good team following.

#### 1982

The theme of the 1982 DUNES was "A New Deal." At the beginning of the 1981-82 school year, Hammond High received 465 new students hoping for a "New Deal." Co-editors of the DUNES were Shelley Peck and Tina Bonds.

President of the Association was Heather Brooks who was also valedictorian. The salutatorian was Gabrielle Jancich and senior class president was Patti Hohenberger.

Among the many new and relatively new faculty members at HHS were: Mr. James Brown, drafting; Mr. Leroy Ford and Mr. Michael Harris, special education; Mrs. Marsha Haas, library; Mrs. Mary Hook, home economics; Mrs. Mary Rose Hunt, vocal music; Mrs. Mary Jay, home economics; Mrs. Lucille Perz, nurse; Mr. Michal Pramuk, language arts; Mr. Martin Hunt, German; Mr. Edward Rudd, math; Ms. Frances Winter, math; Mr. Ken Wysocki, math.

Mrs. Marlene Manson, a former Hammond High student, joined the secretarial staff.

Another tragedy struck this school year when a heart attack during school hours claimed the life of Mr. Herbert Wattam, a counselor for seventeen years at Hammond High.

Mrs. Mary Jones of the staff temporarily filled the position vacated by the death of Mr. Wattam.



The Homecoming Queen was Tonya Young and the homecoming theme was "Get Crazy." Everyone enjoyed the festivities. For some, the theme required no change in behavior or dress.

The winter formal was scheduled for the Wicker Park Social Center, but for some reason the Social Center cancelled the tentative agreement and the dance was held at the Maywood Civic Club. The theme was "A Still Winter's Night" and the band was "Pawmz."

Under the direction of Mr. Gregg Ladd, the students presented the musical, "Oliver."

The 1982 prom was held at the Merrillville Holiday Star Theater and Convention Center with the theme "Endless Love"; the band was "Monterrey."

The Debate and Forensic Teams were now coached by Mr. Fred Monberg, and they had a fine year except for the weather which forced the cancellation of two important meets. Either the teams won first or individuals won first place ribbons in every meet.

Band students Clark Howe and Ken Fischer were nominated to the McDonald's All-American High School Band. The HHS band numbered forty-five and presented three half-time programs during the football season. They also fielded a pep band for basketball games.

In vocal music Mrs. Hunt found herself the third new director in four years. A rebuilding program was necessary.

The winter of 1982 was the coldest in Hammond's history but students survived it and by spring the cold was almost forgotten.

During the summer, cheerleaders attended camp at Indiana University and at Ball State and learned many new yell routines.

One of the more memorable assemblies this school year was the performance of the U.S. Navy Rock Band.

Mr. Ted Erickson joined the staff in the science department. An excellent swimmer, Mr. Erickson twice swam the English Channel. His son Jon Erickson, then a teacher at Spohn School, completed the world record triple crossing of the English Channel.

The number of credits required for graduation was raised to thirty-six. "Substance Abuse" was added to the curriculum to help deter the use of alcohol and drugs among the students.

In football, Mr. Thomas Zasada became the new head coach when Mr. Hall transferred to Morton High School. Tech's forfeiting the scheduled

opening game meant that the last football game between HHS and Tech was played in the fall of 1980. Counting the forfeit, a nine game winning streak followed, but five first-string players were injured during the games against Morton and Marion. The Western Division play-off game against Griffith was Hammond's only loss during the 1981-82 school year.

In wrestling, Tom Burch gained a second in the state meet and set a school record of thirty wins; the team record was five wins and seven losses.

The cross-country team won the NIHSC Conference after seven wins and only one loss under Coach Bob Stevens.

The boys tennis team also won the conference with an undefeated season in Mr. Dawson's twenty-first year of coaching the tennis team. Bill and Jim Kitchell captured Lake Shore Conference Titles.

The girls tennis record was 3-4 but the girls were improving and advanced to the finals in the conference tournament before being defeated by East Chicago Roosevelt.

The golf team with only two returning lettermen, won three matches and lost eleven.

The girls volleyball team won eleven while losing nine games under Coach Kathy Witt, who also took over the coaching responsibility for the girls basketball team. The basketball team was under .500 with a 7-10 record and won the first game of the sectional before losing to Bishop Noll.

In boys basketball Coach Harwell posted a regular season record of ten wins and ten losses and still won the sectional.

The swim team in a rebuilding year won four meets while losing six, but Mr. Dennis was able to turn things around - the four wins were the last four meets of the season.

The track team won the conference with an 18-1 record under Coach James Brown and went on to win the sectional.

Mr. Slater's baseball team had all kinds of problems but still won ten games. The soccer team continued to improve.

### 1983

The editor-in-chief of the 1983 DUNES was Jennifer Cook and the theme was "Come Together."

This was the year following the closing of Hammond Technical Vocational High School and most of the Tech students were relocated at



Hammond High. Students of both schools worked and sacrificed to meet the challenge of making two separate schools come together as one. The former Tech students are to be commended. It is never easy to make a new start after an involuntary move from one high school to another. The adjustment is progressing satisfactorily.

There were also a number of members of the Tech faculty who were transferred to equal positions at Hammond High as a result of Tech's closing. Among them were Assistant Principal Dr. Ruth Tanner and teachers Loretta Argerus, Margaret Arndt, Ronald Cappelletti, James Cowthran, Muriel Dix, Lawrence Maka, Sandra McQuigg, Jeff Peterson, Lynn Scofield, Anthony Velligan, John Wagner, and Rosalee Williams.

Other faculty members at Hammond High not previously mentioned in this chronicle were: Carl Aldrin, Richard Badovinich, Leroy Ford, Marion Golarz, Dona Lu Goldman, George Green, Michael Harris, William Hayden, Colantha Hill, Jerry Janco, Mary Jay, Emanda Jones, Donna Kula, Vicki Kmetz, William McQueen, Sharon Meier, Jeff Peterson, Ruth Parkhurst, Ed Rudd, James Ruff, Robert Serafin, John Slater, Robert Schneider, Anna Urick, Robert Urick, Frances Winters, Darlene Woodberry, Kenneth Wysocki and Arna Younger.

New secretarial staff members included Carole Pacosky, Angie Nieves and Deanna Asher. Some of the custodial staff were Head Custodian John Newell, Edward Bragiel and Harold Hathaway. Mr. Frank Kowal, a former custodian, transferred to the School City Maintenance Department and Mr. George Earl had retired and recently passed away.

An excellent kitchen staff of fifteen ladies under the direction of Maxine Roberts has cooked for the students and staff for many years.

The Association president was Linda Collins and the president of the senior class was Paul Graska. The valedictorian was Desi G. Earl and the salutatorian was Daniel Gerard Ventimiglia. The Homecoming Queen was Gladys Ramirez and for the first time in four years, the senior class won the Homecoming Parade Float contest. A "Clown and Bum Day" was one of the memorable Association days as was "Hat Day."

National Merit Semi-Finalists included juniors Mike Monberg, Dallas Creighton, Kristen Hill and Chuck Faenza.

This year was also the last year that Dr. F. Kenneth Feuerbach served as principal of Hammond High School. Dr. Feuerbach had been appointed principal of HHS on April 16, 1962 and retired on July 6, 1983. His tenure as principal brought many advancements to Hammond High School in the areas of curriculum and co-curricular activities. He was the trainer of many assistant principals including me. Many went on to become principals and/or central administration staff members of many school systems in the Calumet region.



Dr. Feuerbach made it his responsibility to get to know every student and whenever possible to attend athletic and co-curricular events. No principal in the region could match his record of attending extra-curricular and athletic events both in town and away. Many said he should have been a minister. Because in a way, he exemplified the ministerial role, for he looked after the students and set an example of how to treat your fellow man and LIVE, not just KNOW, the "Golden Rule."

A stand once taken by Dr. Feuerbach before the Board of School Trustees on behalf of Hammond High School when it was truly "Hammond High Against the World", resulted in saving the school. The endearing term of "Doc" was one of earned respect and love.

Over these many years, Dr. Feuerbach's task was made easier by the full and complete support of his wonderful wife Elenore, who attended so many school functions with him.

In athletics this year, the girls added softball to the list of conference sports and compiled a record of 7-5 under coach Robert Serafin. The girls track team had a .500 season but won "Long Jump" in the conference. The regular season record of the girls tennis team under Coach Dawson was 3-5 but they tied for the Lake Shore Conference Title. Coach Kathy Witt's volleyball team record was 7-11; her basketball team record was 10-10.

Coach Strater's baseball team won seven of twenty-one games. Coach "Jim" Brown had another fine track team, winning another Lake Shore Conference Championship with a 23-3 record. The track team had sectional champions in Carl Richardson in the 880 yard run, Erik Poyor in the 200 yard dash and Royal Donald in the "long jump."

In soccer the team had a 3-7 record; the swim team had a 7-5 record. The boys tennis team with an 8-2 record won their tenth non-consecutive conference championship. The Kitchell brothers, Tom and Jim, won conference titles. Tom went on to compete in the state meet.

The wrestling team under Coach Deak had a winning 7-6 season with Jim Kitchell winning both the conference and the sectional in his weight class.

In basketball, Mr. Harwell's Wildcats were second in the conference with a 13-10 conference record and again came up a winner in the 1983 sectional.

The cross-country team placed fifth in the sectional with a 3-5 record.

The football team under Coach Zasada won seven games including six Lake Shore Conference games for the championship. Their conference loss was to Bishop Noll on a safety resulting in a score of 2 to zero. Two

outside losses were to Marion of Mishawaka and to Chesterton.

1984

And so we come to the last year in this COMMEMORATIVE CHRONICLE. Perhaps these past one hundred years are best symbolized by three objects of lasting endearment still on the high school campus. The first is the gift of the class of 1922, the grandfather clock which has stood for so many years in the main hall to hear the echo of student voices. As Confucius writes, "Time is the wisest of all things, for it discovers all things." Today the grandfather clock rests in the main office and is silent. Perhaps it is a "Last Leaf" for it has only memories, but it is wise for it has discovered far more about Hammond High than we shall ever know.

The second and third symbols have never been separated, nor should they be. They were given to the school by the class of 1924, and for many years the first Association president, Mr. John F. Wilhelm II, has helped to insure them against any possible damage or destruction. These granite objects are the sundial and the curved stone bench which have remained as a symbol of Hammond High School throughout this long period of time and still stand in their venerated place on the south lawn. The strength and solidarity they represent seem to say that, as they are a part of Hammond High School, so time, patience, and perseverance by the students of Hammond High School will accomplish all things.

The co-editors of the 1984 DUNES, Kathy Aubruner and Julie Griffith, have been asked to take up the writing of this final phase of the COMMEMORATIVE CHRONICLE and to state for their class of 1984 their greetings and impressions.

The year has already begun and a new principal, Miss Elizabeth Ennis, is at the helm. She is the first woman to be the principal of Hammond High School and has been a well-trained assistant to Dr. Feuerbach since the beginning of the 1978-79 school year.

The Association president in this school year of 1983-84 is Kristen Hill, who will be the valedictorian and who is also a National Merit Scholarship finalist. The president of the senior class is Garrard McClendon. In addition to Kristen Hill, there are five other National Merit Scholarship finalists: Nancy Hasten, Philip Rittenhouse, Julie Griffith, Mike Monberg and Dallas Creighton.

The Homecoming Queen this year was Cindy Newton and the football team has already completed a fantastic year. Once again Coach Zasada and his team won the Lake Shore Conference Championship after avenging one of their losses by defeating Griffith in the playoff for the sectional title of the state football championship. The team's opponent in the Eastern Division was South Bend St. Joseph School, who defeated Hammond High in the last minute of play under a most strange set of circumstances



and rule application. Like other teams in the past, this football team made all of Hammond proud of its representative to the regional play off.

The wrestling team took second place behind Portage in the Hammond High Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

And now to the final part of this COMMEMORATIVE CHRONICLE, the contribution by Kathy Aubruner.

#### Contribution by Kathy Aubruner

"Celebrate," the theme of the 1984 DUNES, perhaps can best sum up the attitude of Hammond High students, parents, teachers and administrators during the 1983-84 school year. So many happenings were fresh, successful and exciting!

After practically two years of planning and thinking of ways to improve the school by many people, these ideas began to take effect and work efficiently early in the school year. By the time President Reagan announced that the nation needed a "renaissance" in education, HHS had planned and begun its "Return to Excellence" program. In general, the feeling toward the "Home of the Wildcats" has become a positive one by all.

The first group to attack the task of bettering HHS was the Kettering School Improvement Committee. Members of this organization included students, parents, teachers, administrators and community leaders who were concerned about the school's future. While financially supported by the Eli Lilly Corporation and taught by the Kettering Foundation personnel, our group specified and designed answers to some of the identified problem areas in the school.

One successful program created by the committee increased communication between the school and parents. Parents began volunteering to call parents of absent students and to mail report cards and newsletters to homes. These actions helped lessen the communication gap. Administrators and teachers invited and encouraged parents to visit the school any time and especially during National Education Week.

The committee also promoted a program to recognize student achievements of all kinds. It was not unusual to hear an announcement over the "P.A." system of a student being commended for turning in a found purse. All honors achieved by students were considered important. This helped increase student efforts to higher achievement.

For the record, the Kettering School Improvement Committee was formed in March, 1982. HHS was the first school in Hammond to try this



nation-wide program. After proving so successful, it was adopted by Eggers and Spohn which are feeder schools to Hammond High.

Another parent/teacher group supporting the school during the year was the Booster Club. They held a fund-raising Las Vegas Night and the profits were distributed to school organizations.

To decrease the number of tardy students, the teachers created a "Detention Center". Students late for a class had to report to the detention center for the entire class period. Detention center rules included no talking or sleeping and missed school work or tests could be made up. Three visits to the center and a student received an in-school suspension.

Students also caught the fever of making their 8:00 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. "home" a great place to be.

After a summer of 52 students attending a leadership seminar at Notre Dame; Dallas Creighton and Renee Sims romping through Montana on a geology trip sponsored by Notre Dame and the Amoco Oil Company; Jill Wagner, Kathy Aubruner, Dallas Creighton, Garrard McClendon and Mike Monberg learning about government and good citizenship at Hoosier Girls and Boys State; Kristen Hill studying in France while on the I.U. Honors Foreign Language Program; the editors of the 1984 Dunes and Herald newspaper receiving journalism training at Ball State University; the Centennial Celebration Committee discussing plans and reviewing the history of the school; the cheerleaders, Pom Kats and members of the sports teams attending camps to improve their skills; in the autumn of 1983, the school was ready for launch with the powerful propulsion of developed talents.

Even if it wasn't spring, the school began to bloom with activities planted by the students. The first weeks of the 1983-84 school year will not be forgotten for a long time. Everyone was ready to make the centennial year a great year. Spirit posters were placed around the school by the new club, "Student Leaders In Progress," (S.L.I.P.) The students who attended the leadership seminar and the Centennial Celebration Committee (C.C.C.) also put up welcoming posters and a display about the history of Hammond High. Announcements were made calling on all interested students to join the new Health Careers Club, the S.L.I.P., and the C.C.C. These and other daily announcements were read over the "P.A." by an all-student force. The whole school continued on its centennial flight this school year.

Japanese educators visited Hammond High during September and were impressed with both our curriculum and our activities program.

October was the time for watching great football games and for participating in an enthusiastic Homecoming which had the greatest number of girls running for a position on the Homecoming Court in the history of

the school. The contestants were presented to the school in a beautiful fashion show. The Homecoming Parade had the unique feature of a horse-drawn carriage and several antique cars sponsored by the Centennial Celebration Committee to help announce our Centennial. In keeping with our one-hundredth anniversary students dressed up for an 1884 Day and a 2084 Day during the traditional Homecoming dress-up week. A Homecoming bonfire and dance were also held to revive these old traditions.

In November, the DUNES staff produced a promotional slide show with everything from a live band to dancing yearbooks to promote the sale of the coming 1984 Dunes. Three members of the Dunes staff also dressed up like the school's first graduates and performed a skit. A sales record of three hundred yearbooks in two weeks was set. The Association had an assembly to install both the Association officers and the entire school body.

The National Honor Society collected money to supply three needy families with food baskets and the Health Careers Club also collected food to supply a needy family during Thanksgiving.

The band and chorus presented the traditionally beautiful Christmas concert in December. Both groups are increasing in membership and are performing very well.

The HERALD staff, led by editor Garrard McClendon, has so far taken to press three excellent and informative newspapers.

Kathy Campbell, a senior, won the city-wide Centennial Logo Contest.

For now, this is where the coverage of 1984 must stop since the copy for this COMMEMORATIVE CHRONICLE must go to press but our future plans can be shared.

The Association is in the process of passing a revised edition of the HHS constitution and a Basketball Homecoming is being planned for mid-January. A Basketball Homecoming has not been held for the past several years. A "Winter Semi-Formal" is planned for January 28.

The Health Careers Club is planning to continue their service to the school and community. Around Easter they hope to visit a children's home.

The Centennial Celebration Committee plans to have a float in the April 28, 1984 Hammond Centennial Parade and a HHS Centennial Fair for students and alumni is in the making. A permanent museum in the school is another idea being discussed. More historical displays during the year are also on the agenda. Commemoration of historical events, like the fire, will also continue. We had a reenactment of a fire drill to



commemorate the 1967 fire.

Student Leaders In Progress (S.L.I.P.) plans to accomplish many things through sub-committees. A student court is being formed and a group involving teachers and student diplomats will try to lessen teacher-student communication gaps. Plans for the summer include another leadership seminar.

All the sports teams have fared well so far. If they continue with the spirit they've shown already this season, we'll have some outstanding teams. In any case, they have carried on the Wildcat tradition of good sportsmanship.

The Class of 1984 is planning a whopping big graduation to help celebrate the centennial year even if we're not the one hundredth graduating class. The Civic Center with its air conditioned auditorium is being eyed for the event.

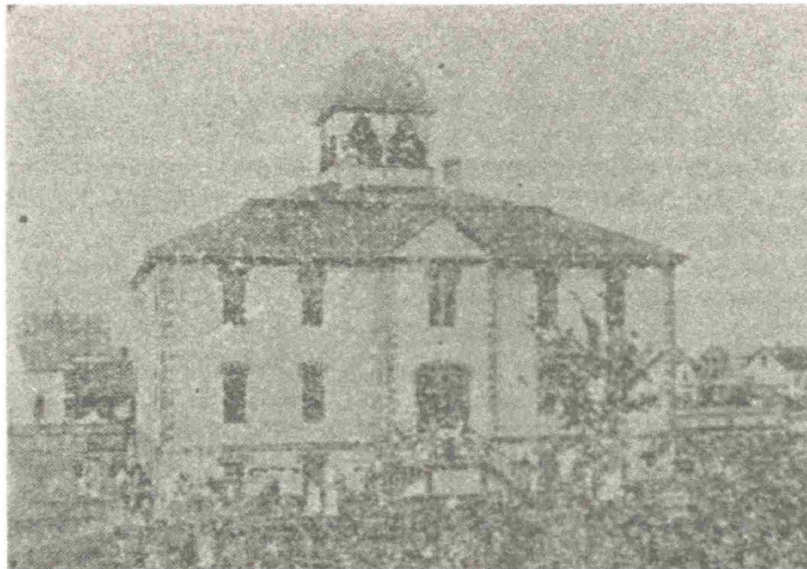
One thing the Class of 1984 has learned is that even though we received a school with wonderful traditions and a great past, these are gifts which must be kept and our contribution added. This can only be done through a lot of hard work. The Class of 1984 now truly understands George Chapman's philosophy, "We inherit nothing truly but what our actions make us worthy of."

The students of Hammond High, in celebrating this centennial year with innovative rejuvenations, are now ready to face the future with all the pride we have in the 1984 motto which says that Hammond High is "The Excellence of Hammond."

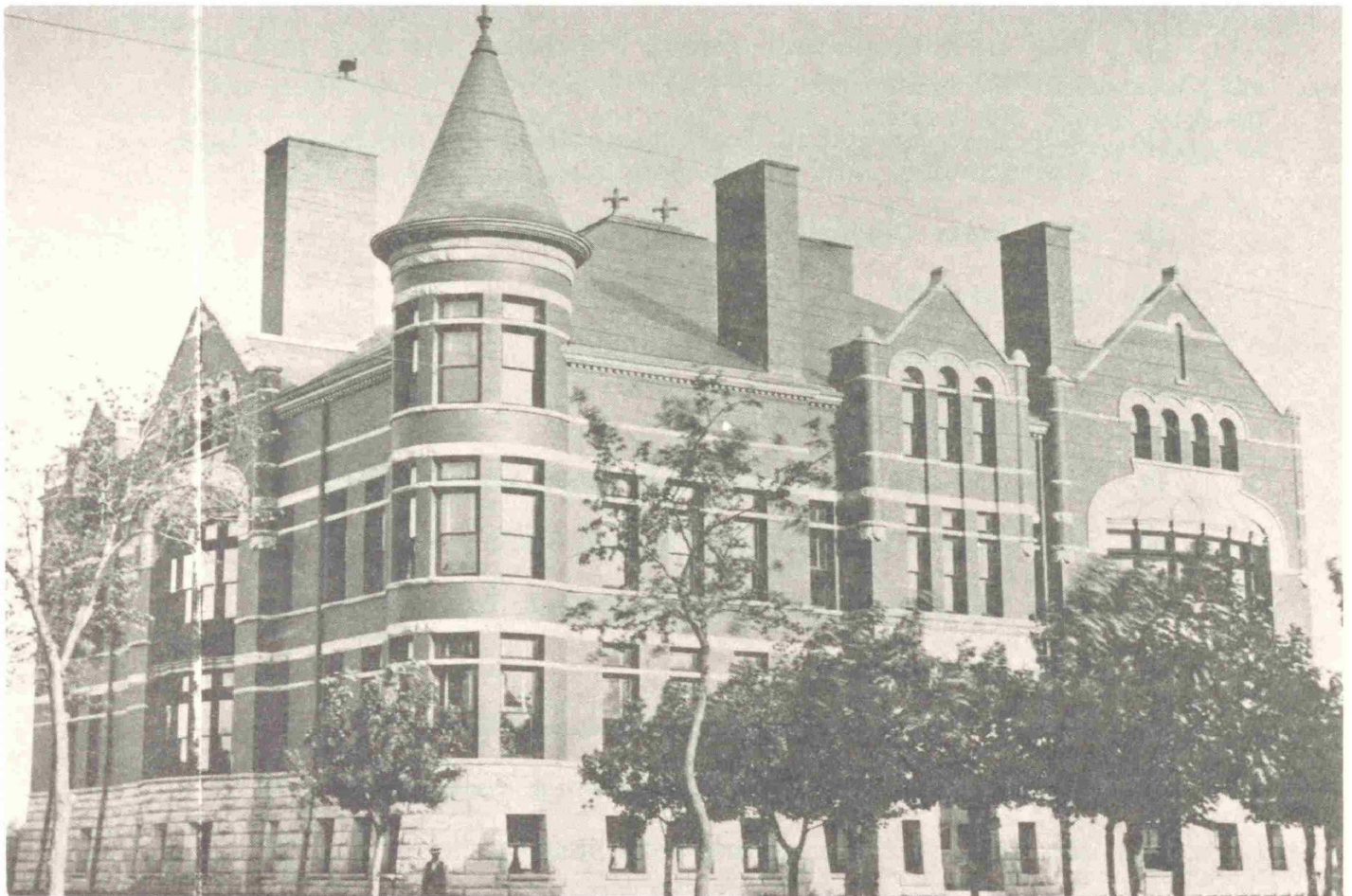
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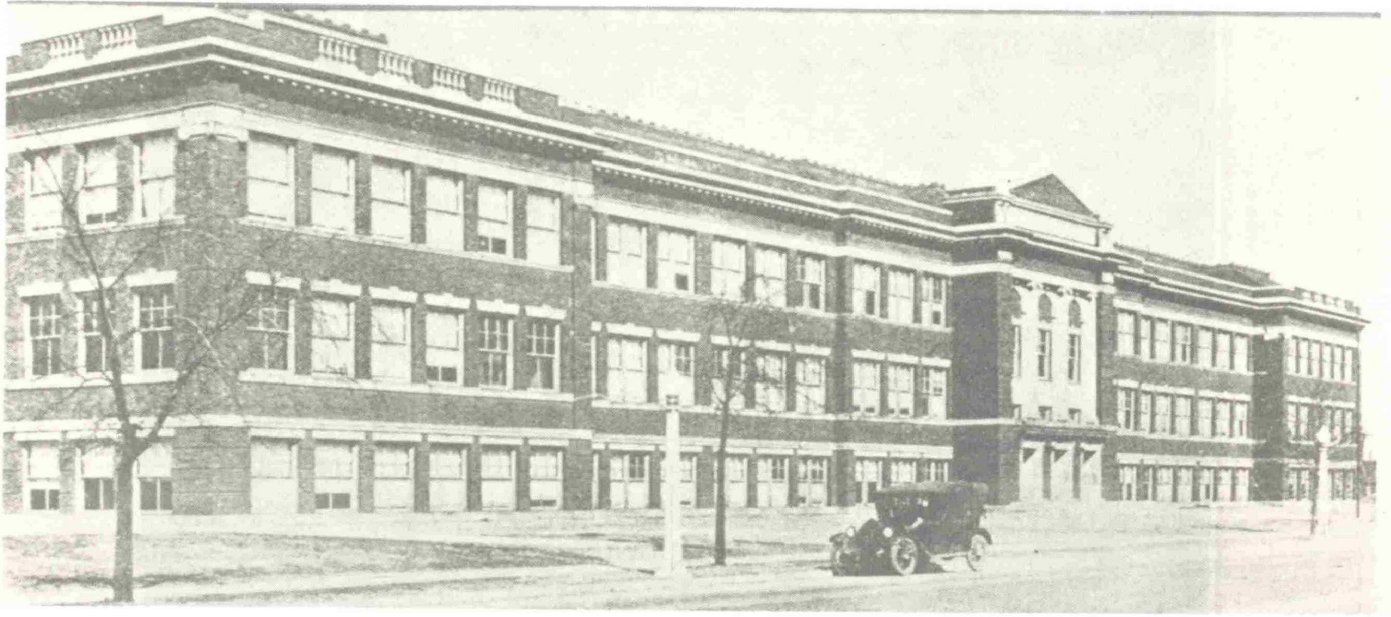


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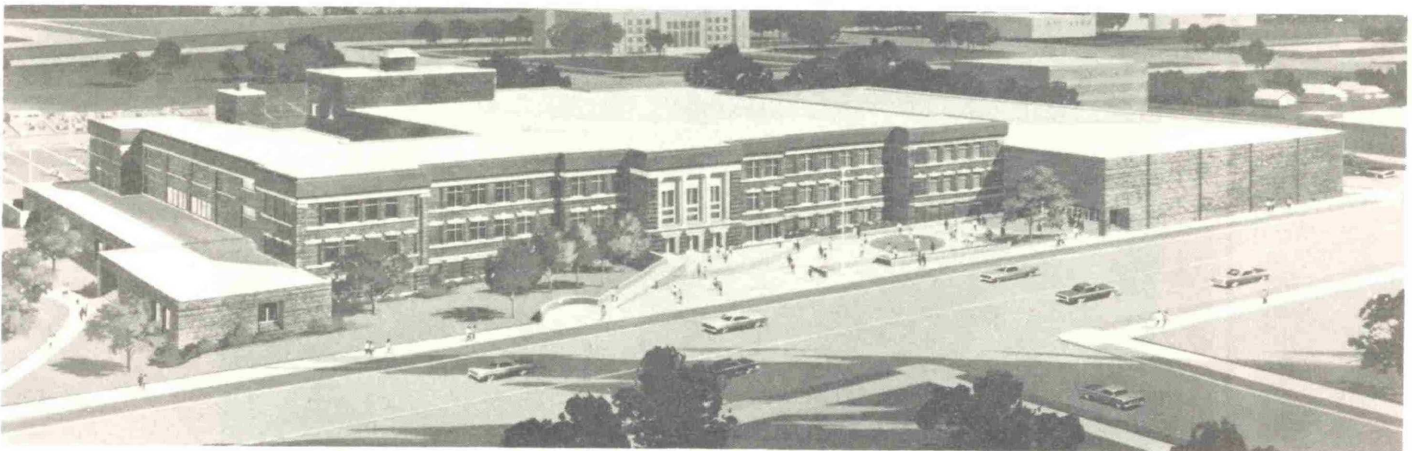


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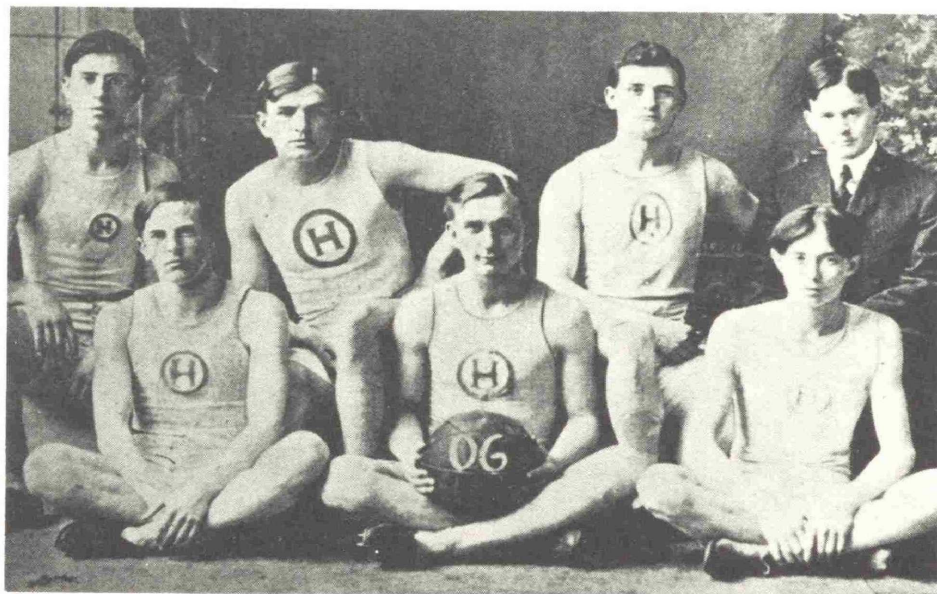


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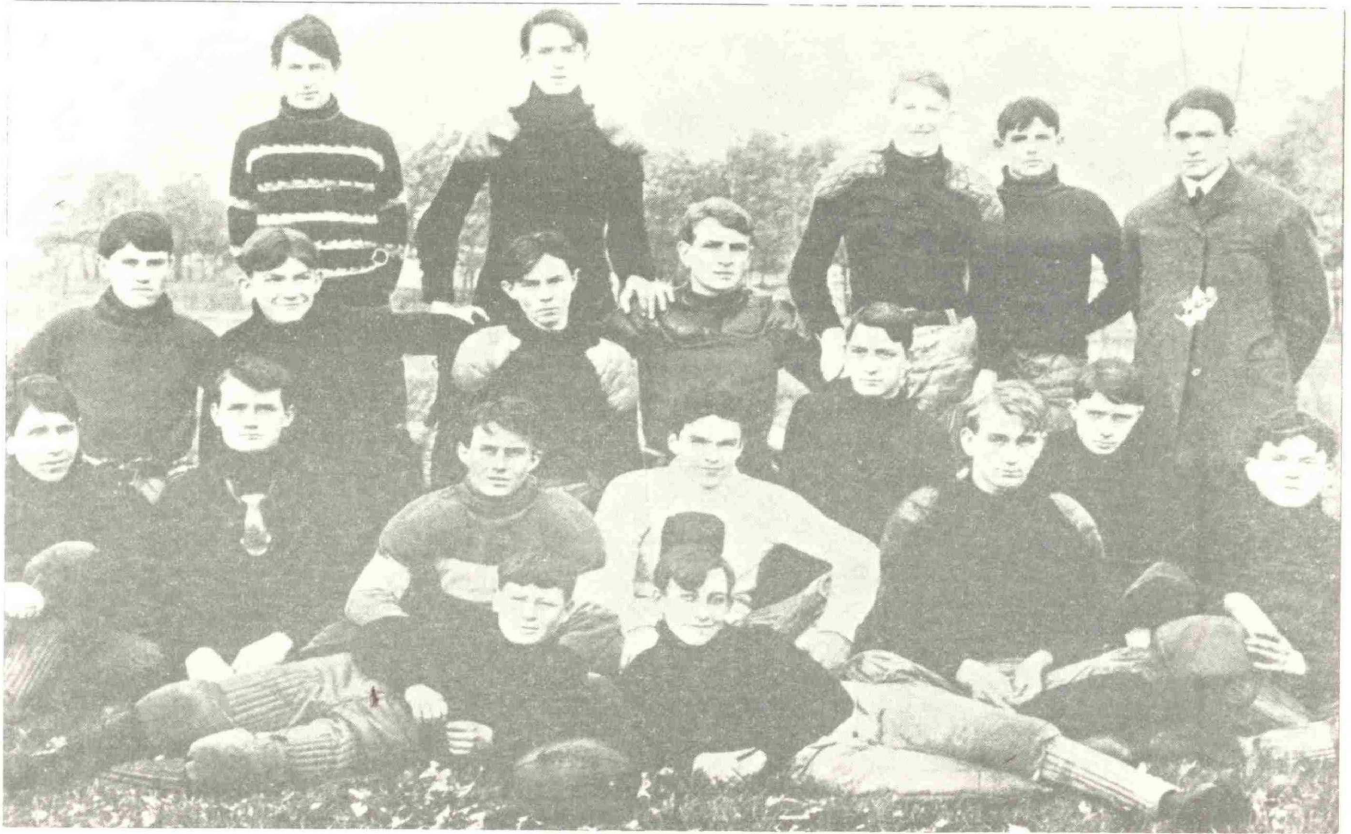


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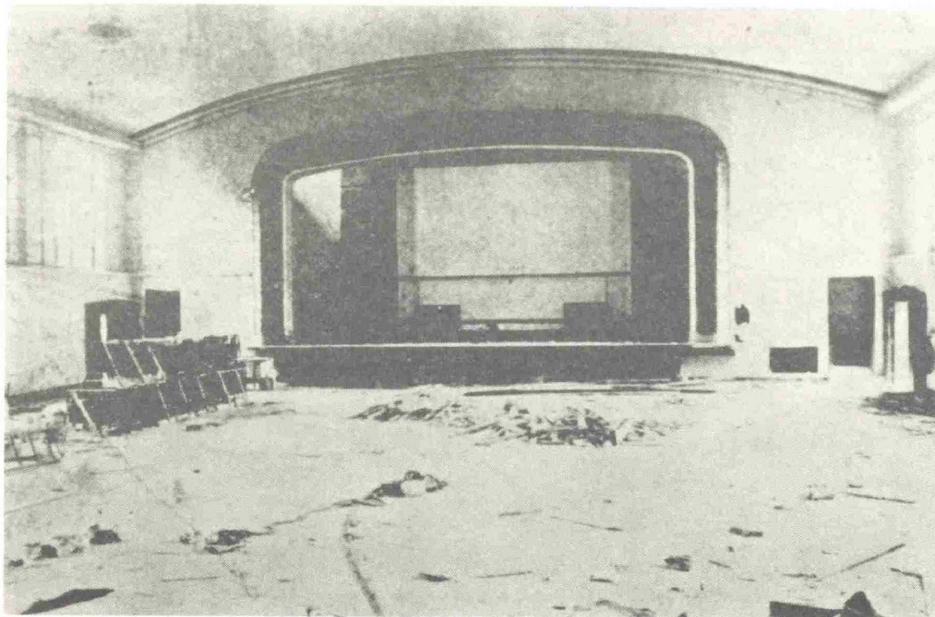


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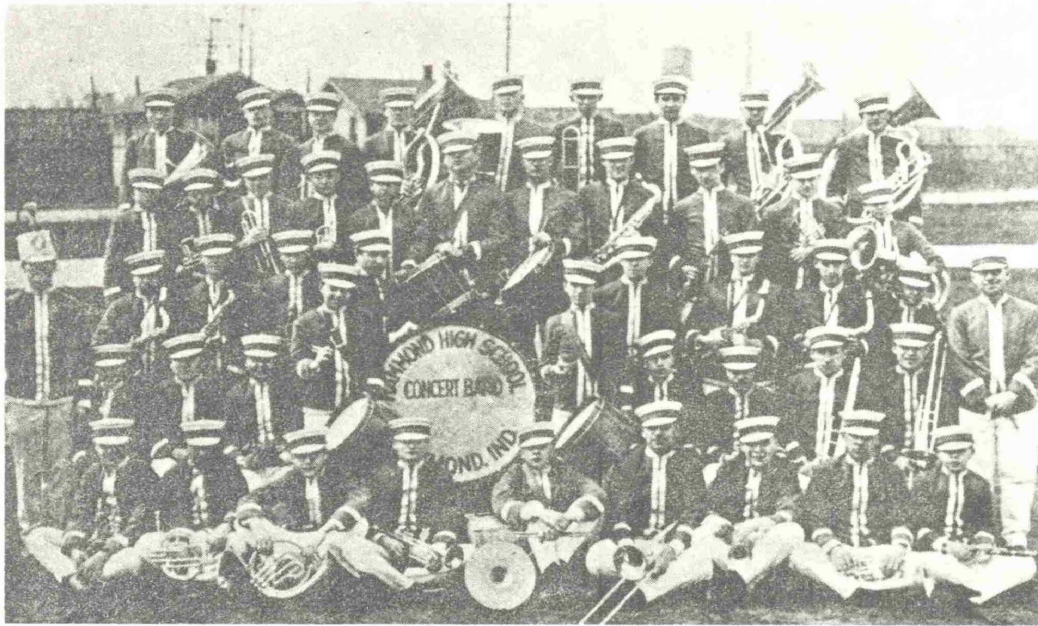




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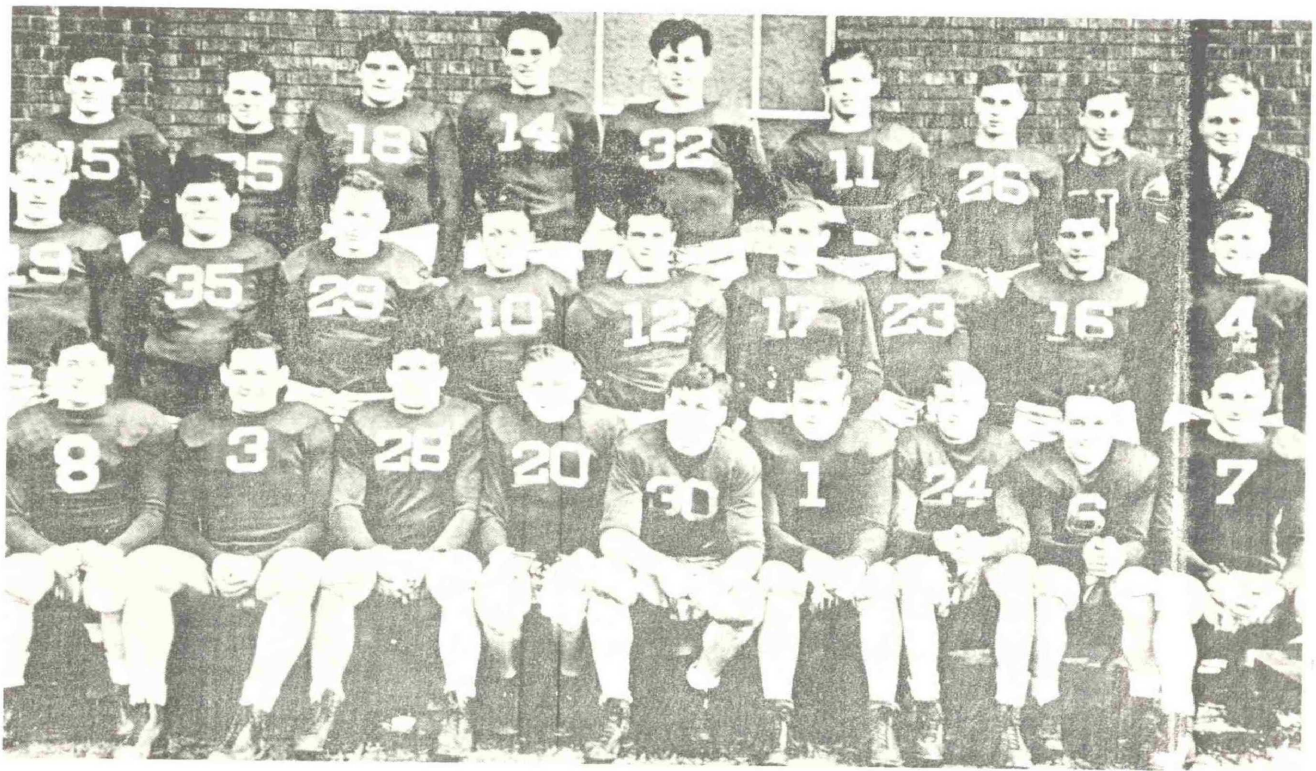


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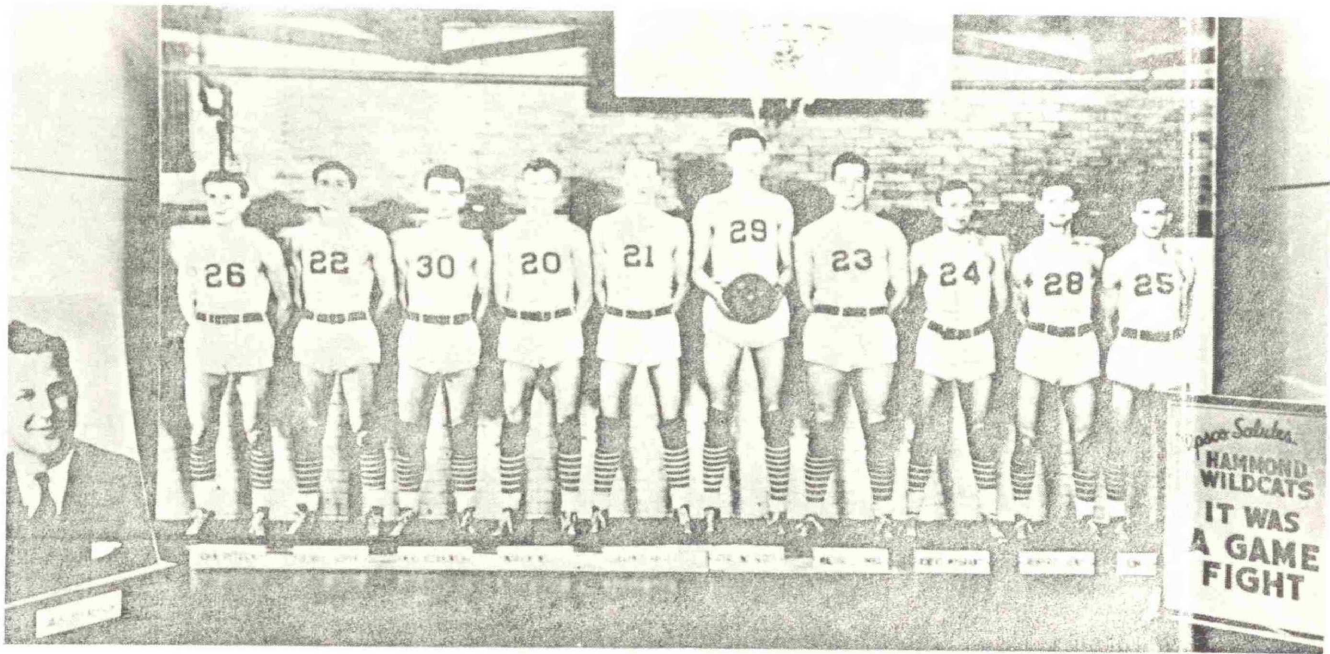


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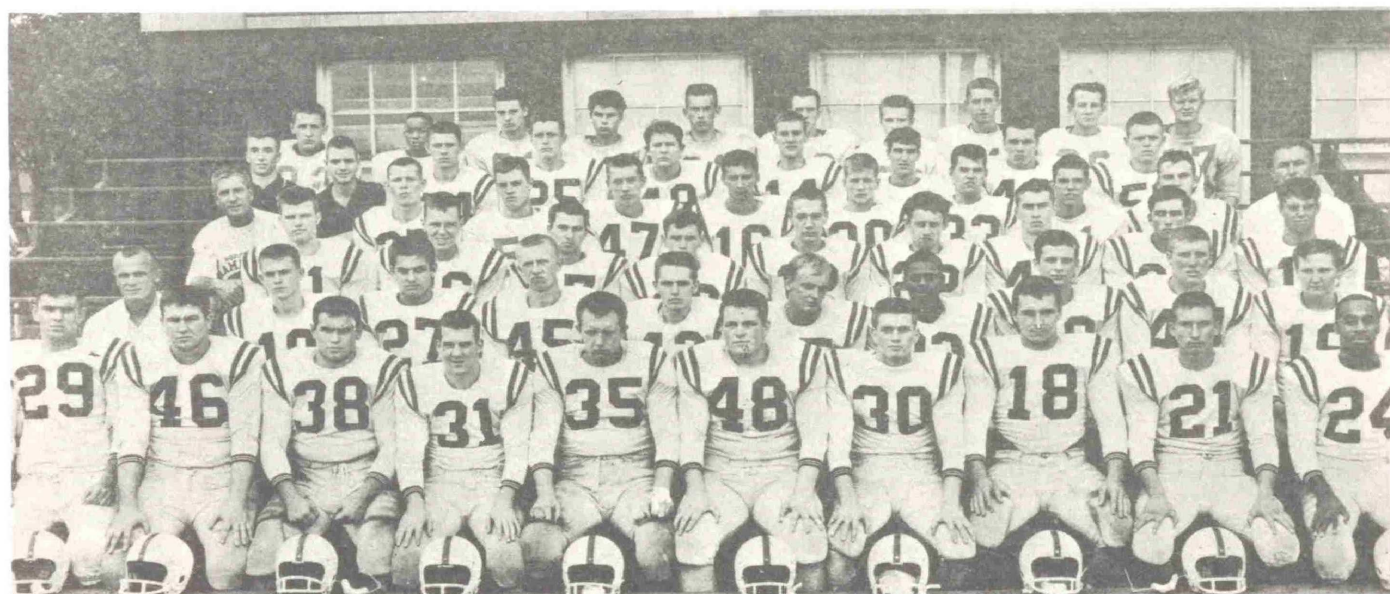


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Your author, as mentioned in the letter to potential patrons, stated that a summary of the questionnaire would appear as a project by the 1984 Dunes staff in their yearbook and therefore, did not reserve space in this volume nor budget time for a complete summary of the results.

The following are responses to some of the questions from the "My Years at Hammond High School Questionnaire" as summarized by Kathy Aubruner, co-editor of the 1984 DUNES.

1. Can you remember the words to Hammond Loyalty?

Seventy five percent answered, "Yes."

2. The teacher who had the most impact on me was:

- . Bernice Buck - "Tough and good." Ed Nelson, 1927;  
"Knew Latin and was an inspiration," Dalores  
Daily Bradford, 1944
- . "Spud" Campbell - "Good." Robert Kuhn, 1939;
- . A.L. Spohn, Jim Garrett, Bill Easton and Ed Nelson -  
"Men of integrity." Bob Mygrants, 1938
- . A.L. Spohn - "Great teacher and principal." Rosanna  
Robaska Fowler, 1951; Bob Mygrants, 1938; Bill McNabney,  
1941; and many others
- . Mr. Garrett - "Made me think." Ray Steiger, 1941
- . Miss E. McCullough - "Very strict." said Lucille Williams  
Clavier, 1944.
- . Bill Easton - "Discipline." Lou Nagy, 1941
- . Miss H. McCullough - "Dedicated." Don R. Kussmaul, 1955  
and Marilyn Krizmis Kussmaul, 1956
- . John Muri - "Fearless." Jim Vacendak, 1958
- . Miss Fischer and Mrs. Chang - "No more English ever needed."  
Pamela Roper, 1973
- . And, many more teachers were listed.



3. The class I dreaded or enjoyed most was:

DREADED:

- . Geometry - "Not my dish." Edward M. Kroer, Jr., 1938
- . European History - "Miss Breyfogle favored the boys."  
Dorothy Reitzer Cornwell, 1929
- . Algebra - "Miss Williams hated boys." Michael Dimitroff, 1961
- . Health - "With the boys it was embarrassing." Ruth Bussell  
Edwards, 1940

ENJOYED:

- . Biology - "I liked field trips." Alverta Sohl Schantz, 1933
- . Gym - "Enjoyed Miss Dieterich and Miss Anderson." Betty Jane  
Kroer Johnson, 1940

4. One thing I learned which helped me all my life:

- . "Respect for others, especially Mr. Spohn." Hazel Carlson  
Lindstrom, 1925
- . "Be on time." L. Crawford Beatty, 1927 and Virginia See  
Baron Spoerner, 1925
- . "Finish what you start." Arthur Pennington, 1941
- . "Getting along with people - no prejudices." Jim Vacendak, 1958
- . Not to take life so seriously; that people are actually  
hilariously funny and if you don't believe me, take a look at your  
picture in an old yearbook." Phil Doran Gubitz, 1961

5. The most meaningful or meaningless homework assignment was:

- . "Term paper for Sociology with Mr. Georgas on Morals of Teenagers  
at Hammond High School." Roger K. Reeder, 1968
- . "Copying pages and pages of Biology day after day." Ray and Julie  
Stephens, 1945
- . "The poetic epic assignment in cartoon style to be written in  
Shakespearian fashion; Macbeth won't translate to Porky Pig."  
Lois Mudge, 1961

6. The most exciting athletic event:

- . "The football game against Emerson played in a downpour and ending in a 0-0 tie." John Matolisy Buczynski, 1933
- . "First HHS sectional basketball win in Gary in 1933."  
Richard and Ruth Brusch, 1934
- . "Bob King's first sectional basketball win when I was a senior."  
James E. Hulett, 1944
- . "1962 state championship football team." Richard F. Sivulich, 1963
- . "Rudy Chapa qualified to participate in the Olympic Trials."  
Jane Aubruner Barger, 1977

7. The most exciting extra curricular project or event was:

- . "When I won the Lake County Oratorical Contest and a silver cup."  
Stanley Tweedle, 1928
- . "Winning the HHS Amateur Show at the brand new Civic Center."  
Jean Stoddart Hensey, 1941
- . "Washington-New York class trips." Judy Dobis Baran, 1965

8. Our favorite hangouts were:

- . "We had none; friends came to our house or we went to theirs."  
Mae G. Kessing, 1920
- . "The Sugar Bowl." Lowell "Dutch" Cornwell, 1928
- . "John's" and "Sheps" (across from the school) - hot dogs, 10 cents;  
ice cream sundaes, 10 cents." Stanley A. Tweedle, 1928
- . "Dietrich's" (Hohman and Kenwood)." Dorothy Reitzer Cornwell, 1929
- . "Red Rooster." Audrey Bell Spivack, 1935
- . "Maid-Rite." Fred and Roberta Reeves Hanson, 1944 and 1945
- . "Maid-Rite." Jean Weaver Vellner, 1945



- . "Maid-Rite and the Igloo." Dalores Daily Bradford, 1940
- . "Whitey's Pool Hall, Maid-Rite and Fat Boy Drive In." Ed and Cindy Handley Hundley, 1961-62
- . "McDonald's." Paul and Dorothy Rosenau Kritsch, 1965

9. The usual Friday and Saturday night activities were:

- . "Going to football and basketball games or going to the Paramount and singing school (and other) songs with Milt Herth."  
Kathryn Kain Thegze, 1933
- . "Football or basketball games, cruising Fat Boy or Wells Street Beach." Frank Saculla, 1957

10. The school assembly that I remember was:

- . "When Pearl Harbor was attacked we had an assembly the next day." Lucille Williams Clavier, 1944
- . "When Eddie Nelson, in full navy uniform, came back to congratulate Hammond High School on the purchase of a P-51 Mustang for the government." Ray and Julie Stephens, 1945
- . "POW (Pinky) DeRolf, after his release from a Japanese prison camp." Dorothy Therrien Geisen, 1948
- . "Dr. Rapp welcoming all of us new freshmen for he was also new that year." Joan Chapman Pawenski, 1953
- . "Mr. Fruehling at pep rallies leading "Give them the ax, ax, ax, in the neck, neck, neck." Roger K. Reeder, 1968

11. The funniest thing that I remember was:

- . "When a group of us girls took off our tank suits in the pool and the janitor came in to test the water. You never saw so many underwater swimmers holding their breath."  
Jolan Matolisy Buczynski, 1933
- . "Miss Buck chasing Jerry Crary into the boys locker room."  
Ray Stephens, 1945

- . "Selling locker insurance to freshmen; entering homeroom on the ground floor by way of the windows; and threatening Irv Cross with bodily harm from Chris Voris and me if he didn't come out for football." Frank Saculla, 1957
- . "Mr. Sizemore lighting a Bunsen Burner to show how safe it was and it blew up." Gary S. Stanford, 1965
- . "The day we came to school and all the door knobs were missing." Roger K. Reeder, 1968

12. Our favorite expressions, cheers, sayings were:

- . "Wanna buy a duck; hep; groovy; cool; Hey like the Fonz (with thumbs up); rat fink; macho man; grape crush; head hunters"; and many more.

13. Describe the fashions of the day:

- . "Bobby socks; bell bottom trousers; pleated skirts and sailor blouses; large ties; long braids; short dresses; skirts and sweaters; saddle shoes and white anklets; hair worn at collar length with curls around the face; levis; ducktail haircuts; pegged pants; zoot suits; leather jackets; your steady's ring on a chain; mini skirts."

(The reader will have to guess the year each of the above was in vogue.)

14. Events in the outside world affecting Hammond High were:

- . "First World War; Prohibition and the depression; the building of the Civic Center; World War II; Rationing and the Draft; Lebanon invasion; Kennedy's assassination; Korean War; Vietnam War; the gas shortage in 1979; and the Winter of 1979."

15. What were your feelings on big changes in the school (i.e., fire, new principals, etc.)?

- . "Physical Education went co-ed; Robert King retired after 35 years at HHS." Ann Aubruner, 1980



- . "First night football game (around 1932). There were 4,500 in attendance." Richard and Ruth Fischer Brusch, 1932
- . "Going into the new Hammond High on Calumet Avenue in our sophomore year (1918) was quite a change." Mae Kessing, 1920

16. The fads were:

- . "Yellow oil skin slickers with HHS autographs all over them."  
"Dutch" Cornwell, 1928
- . "Friendship rings and going steady." Ruth Bussell Edwards, 1940
- . "Crazy balls, silly putty, tee peeing." Roger K. Reeder, 1968

17. Some of our homecoming activities were:

- . "Bonfire at State and Hohman and at Dietrich's." Arthur Pennington
- . "Parades and sock hops." Katie McCoy, 1946
- . "Election of queen and Court," "Western Day," "Hobo Day," "Bermuda Day," "Dress Up Day," and others were mentioned.

18. What were some of the favorite songs of the time?

- 1924 - "Sugar Blues" and "Tiger Rag"
- 1928 - "Yes Sir, That's My Baby," "Shiek of Araby," "Margie"
- 1939 - "Careless," "Cecelia"
- 1940 - "White Christmas," "It Had To Be You," "Dipsy Doodle"
- 1944 - "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "Hut Sut Song"
- 1945 - "Woody Woodpecker," "Haunted Heart," "As Time Goes By"
- 1965 - "Leader of the Pack," "Monster Mash," "I Want To Hold Your Hand," "Hello Dolly"
- 1980 - "Don't Go Breaking My Heart," "Disco Duck," "Saturday Night Fever," "Grease"

19. Our prom was held:

1920 - Woman's Club on State Street  
1928-29 - Boys Gym at the school  
1939-1960's - Civic Center  
1961-62 - Madura's Danceland  
1963 - St. Thomas More Hall  
1965 - Civic Center  
1971 - Scherwood Club  
1972 - After Four Supper Club  
1976 - Holiday Inn Convention Center, Merrillville

20. Do you still have your yearbook?

Only two respondents answered "no".



## **PATRONS**

from the Alumni of Hammond High School

Donald M. Aikman, 1959  
Carol Chidester Aikman, 1961  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Ambler, 1954  
Allen E. Amick, 1941  
Kay Kuehle Amick, 1942  
Ruth E. Andree  
Fred Arndt, 1934  
Mary Ellen Bussell Arndt, 1934  
Mildred E. Therrien Baccino, 1946  
William P. Ball, 1924  
Judy Dobis Baran, 1965  
Barbara Hirsch Bass, 1952  
Karen Hanson Baumann, 1967  
L. Crawford Beatty  
Virginia Prohl Beatty  
Quentin F. Beck, 1940  
Calvin E. Bellamy, 1960  
Robert R. Beucus, 1934  
Constance Piechowski Beucus, 1941  
Warren E. Black, 1940  
Gilbert F. Blackmun, 1955  
Gail Bomberger Blackmun, 1959  
Margaret Sobek Bomersback, 1935  
Robert S. Bowers, 1965  
Alan Bradford, 1939  
Dalores Daily Bradford, 1940  
George J. Brahos, M.D., 1964  
David Brossart, 1964  
Durbin G. Brown, 1928

Dalton V. Brunsdon, 1933  
Richard G. Bruschi, 1934  
Ruth Fischer Bruschi, 1934  
Mary Ann Buckman, 1933  
Nathan A. Carras, 1945  
Auda R. Cave, 1938  
Margaret Benko Cave, 1940  
Betty Mae Walker Chomar, 1945  
Norma Ellen Kristoff Clark, 1940  
Class of 1937  
Class of 1940  
Lucille Williams Clavier, 1944  
Kermit Clyne, 1943  
Averill C. Colby, III, 1960  
David B. Cook, M.D., 1964  
Lynda Skogan Cook, 1964  
Mary June Larson Cook, 1941  
Suzanne Wilhelm Cook, 1955  
Lowell "Dutch" Cornwell, 1928  
Dorothy Reitzer Cornwell, 1929  
Thomas C. Cornwell, 1962  
Carol Hector Cornwell, 1962  
Clarence R. Covault, 1927  
Jerry S. Crary, 1945  
Irv Cross, 1957  
Ray Cross, 1961  
Richard Stephen Delay, 1966  
Fred Depaoli, 1950  
Lorraine Kazmierski Depaoli, 1959  
Lawrence L. Dernulc, 1963  
Michael L. Dimitroff, 1961  
Thomas B. Dorris, 1960



Ray and Lucille Downey, 1938  
Catherine Dycus, 1938  
Mr. and Mrs. James Dycus, 1936  
Robert C. Dycus, 1940  
Ruth Louise Bussell Edwards, 1940  
Millard Fannin, 1945  
Richard A. Fehring, 1962  
Dr. Howard Feldman, 1960  
Burnell C. Fischer, 1965  
Barbara Gottschall Fischer  
Terry L. Fischer, 1967  
Rosanna Robaska Fowler, 1951  
Wayne L. Freeman, 1953  
Maejette Erickson French, 1950  
Clements Frohnapple  
Dorothy Therrien Geisen, 1948  
Jack Georgas, 1942  
Doris Tokash Georgas, 1943  
Dorothy LaBarre Gillim, 1940  
John "Lefty" Golarz, 1934  
Stephen Goot, 1964  
Janice Benoit Goot, 1964  
Thomas C. Granack, 1954  
Wilfred Gromaire, 1937  
Phil Doran (Gubitz), 1961  
Ruth Reva Ross Gubitz, 1935  
Pat Crowley Guiden, 1959  
Phyllis Stewart Haehnel, 1941  
Paul A. Hagberg, 1956  
Jean Andree Hanas, 1937  
Fred E. Hanson, 1944  
Roberta E. Reeves Hanson, 1945

Harold R. Hathaway, 1939  
Mary Ellen Hector, 1940  
Jean Stoddart Hensey  
Annie Burns Hicks, 1955  
Gerald Higgins, 1935  
Betty Jane Andree Higgins, 1935  
Kathleen Goot Hill, 1962  
Robert M. Hirsch, 1945  
Jesse David Hogue, D.D.S., 1941  
Kathryn Lange Hogue, 1944  
George S. Hopkins, 1930  
Genevieve "Fuzzie" Stoll Hopkins, 1932  
James E. Hulett, 1944  
Robert Hulett, 1938  
Edward J. Hundley, 1961  
Cindy Handley Hundley, 1965  
Betty Jane Kroer Johnson  
Richard W. Jones, 1941  
Frederick Juergens, 1934  
Caryl Delaney Juergens, 1940  
Dale A. Karlen, 1940  
Mae G. Kessing, 1920  
Irene Young Ketchum, 1932  
John N. Kirsch, 1941  
Lawrence Kocal, 1954  
Ruth Barrett Kocal, 1956  
Valerie J. Maka Kondra  
Paul E. Kritsch, 1965  
Dorothy Rosenau Kritsch, 1965  
Edward M. Kroer, Jr., 1938  
Bernie Krueger, 1944  
Norma Jenkins Krueger, 1942



Donald R. Kussmaul, 1955  
Marilyn J. Krizmis Kussmaul, 1956  
James E. Lakatos, 1965  
Philip N. LaMantia, 1938  
Charles William Lamb, 1943  
Jim Lamott, 1957  
Patti DeBruyn Lamott, 1960  
Irv Lang, 1955  
Darlene Dibblee Lang  
Thomas J. Lasbury, 1964  
Marvin L. Levin, 1940  
Mrs. Hazel Carlson Lindstrom, 1925  
Robert McCoy, 1948  
Kathryn Simons McCoy, 1946  
Linda Simmons McKie, 1966  
Wayne L. McLean, 1956  
Terry W. McMahon, 1956  
Jim McNabney, 1953  
Leland McNabney, 1944  
Lorraine St. Germain McNabney, 1946  
William F. McNabney, Ed.D., 1941  
Elmer K. Mallett, 1940  
Eldonna Rinkenberg Mallett, 1940  
Jeffrey A. Martin, 1961  
Arthur Mattox, 1942  
Betty Compton May, 1941  
Lee O. Mick, 1945  
Marshall R. Minter, 1938  
Jeanne Wendell Moll, 1941  
Fred Monberg, 1956  
Carl Morgenthauer, 1940  
Lois Glendening Mudge, 1961

Bob Mygrants, 1938  
Lou Nagy, 1941  
Dorothy E. Fallowes Nagy, 1941  
Tom Navta, 1962  
Anne Horkovich Nawojski, 1940  
Edwin R. Nelson  
Kristin Nelson, 1965  
Phyllis Jean Walker Nicholas, 1951  
Judith Ann Noel, 1962  
William H. Noel, II, 1964  
Jim Novosel, 1963  
John Novosel, 1963  
Donald Olson, 1963  
Dale Spivack Olson, 1963  
Jerry A. O'Neil, 1940  
Carolyn B. Wilhelm O'Neil, 1938  
Suzanne Marie Hanas Panozzo, 1968  
Julius Papais, 1938  
Rose Kowal Papais, 1938  
Joan Chapman Pawenski, 1953  
Herbertine Shaw Peck, 1956  
Arthur M. Pennington, 1941  
Nathalie VanCauwenbergh Pennington, 1939  
John E. Pilzer, 1941  
Onilee Elaine Curtis Pilzer, 1941  
Kirk A. Pinkerton, 1968  
Maxine Pokorski, 1949  
Loren Pollett, 1938  
Andrew Presco, Jr., 1941  
Betty Lou Beaty Presco, 1942  
Michael F. Pritchett, 1960  
Constance E. Knorr Purkey, 1940

Clyde E. Rector, 1956  
Charlotte Redden, 1967  
Paul E. Redden, 1974  
Linda M. Reeder, 1979  
Roger K. Reeder, 1968  
P. Gordon Robaska, 1953  
William Henry Rosevear, 1962  
Frank Saculla, 1957  
Sally Jill Strong Saculla, 1959  
Peggy Dillon Schichner, 1959  
Daniel J. Schlesinger, 1939  
Edward W. Schmidt, 1932  
Lynea Nelson Schmidt, 1931  
Dorris Ulyat Schueneman, 1940  
Vern Seliger, 1942  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Short, 1940  
Sharon Meyer Siebecker, 1960  
Carol L. Singer, 1965  
Leo Singer, 1936  
Richard F. Sivulich, 1963  
Margaret J. Kish Skarbek, 1940  
George H. Smith, 1935  
Henrietta M. Griese Smith, 1940  
Philip J. Smith, 1968  
Patrice Pritchett Smith, 1969  
Robert S. Smith, III, 1941  
Susanne Pugh Smith, 1941  
Andrew Sobek, 1944  
Frank Sobek, 1947  
George Sobek, 1938  
John Sobek, 1930  
Joe Sobek, 1941



David Soderquist, 1968  
Marjorie Sohl, 1937  
Audrey Bell Spivack, 1935  
Dara J. Spivack, 1967  
Arthur H. Spoerner  
Virginia See Baron Spoerner  
Gary S. Stanford, 1965  
Ray Steiger, 1941  
Lucy M. Yates Stephen  
Ray Stephens, 1945  
Julie Kohut Stephens, 1945  
Philip Stern, 1941  
Howard Stover, 1965  
Merry Stover, 1968  
Rebecca Stover, 1970  
Rudy Tanasijevich  
LaVon Budd Tanasijevich  
Clarence A. Tapper, 1946  
Kathryn Kain Thegze, 1933  
Robert J. Toren, 1963  
Linda Vellner Trantham  
Stanley A. Tweedle, 1928  
Helen Zugel Tweedle, 1935  
Jim Vacendak, 1958  
Jean Weaver Vellner, 1945  
Edward R. Vennon, 1954  
Hannah M. Orr Walker, 1950  
Rose J. Kessing Walker, 1916  
Richard Don Walker, 1947  
Kathleen Rae Hanas Wallace, 1964  
Earl R. Ward, 1939  
Dorothy H. Foster Ward, 1941

V. Mary C. Hoffman Watkins, 1940

Neil Welch

William E. Weyhmueller, 1943

John F. Wilhelm, Jr., 1924

John F. Wilhelm, III, 1954

Richard B. "Red" Wilhelm, 1961

Barbara Bellamy Wilhelm, 1962

Maurey Zlotnik, 1933

Charlotte C. Simmons Zukoski, 1950

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- 7. The 1906 basketball team
- 9. The 1906 State Championship  
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- 10. The 1905 football team

